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### CRUDE THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITORIAL PEN

#### IF A MAN DIE SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN

Back of the happiness of the season at Easter lies the hope of the soul, the augmenting certainty with which many answer this question. It is one of the oldest of all questions. In the morning glow of time, by the fields of Egypt and the plains of Chaldea, men sought to solve the mystery. The Indian talked of hunting grounds, and the man of business in Chicago and London drops his papers on his desk and finds himself wondering whether he will have any part or knowledge in the life that will go on when he is gone.

The search favors not at all of superstition. The advent of science has not served to make it any less pressing. The only difference is that men cease to be satisfied with superficial answers. At heart the race beats as one here; it feels that immortality is its right; its whole theory of life is built on this; we live by the faith of an unending life.

The word Easter is almost synonymous with happiness, but happiness of all are those who have the Easter vision, which is the vision of a living Christ. Easter day is the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, "who liveth and was dead, and is alive for evermore. That is the old yet even new, the precious Easter truth, "a living Christ," to give new life through the hope of immortality. Where is the sting of death or the victory of the grave, with the expectation of a perfect world beyond?

Love is ever asking the question. Friends may die, but the friendship lives. We have said our farewells, but the longing for their faces does

not dim. Fathers and mothers are cherishing the hope of a day yet to dawn when the old home ties will be knit again. Hearts that are heavy with the sorrow of a lost form and a silent voice will see the star of hope through the blurring of tears. We have written this hope in all the beauty of our cemeteries, in love's memorials. We accept it as our every day thoughts.

In some lives, those that have meant most for this world, there has been a steady consciousness of another world and a larger life—a sense of immortality. All the teachings of Jesus stand out with this background of a man's life as stretching far beyond the dust. And so, when the gloom of the grave gathered about him, those who knew him best saw in it but the promise of another day and soon they saw, as never before, how glorious and how real the fate of the life that cannot taste of death.

Easter is the symbol of life. To make room for the life more abundant, there must be a death of the life insufficient, a death of old desires, ambitions and aims which are unworthy. Each year should bring a fresh resurrection in our lives—a death of the old life, poor and mean, a resurrection to the new life, unselfish and hallowed. We must die to weakness to arise to strength. We must die to selfishness to arise to devotion. We must die to strife and hatred to arise to peace and love. We must die to the things which are temporal to arise to the things which are eternal. To all who have the clear Easter vision,

Christ is risen indeed in the heart, to be alive forevermore.

#### EASTER FAITH.

That which we cannot demonstrate as a scientific fact we grasp by faith. With what scorn and loathing do we look on any who, lacking love ties to the future and barren of hope for larger life, tell us that men die like the beasts! No faith has wrought the better hope into the very fiber of our basic thinking. We love best the songs that sing it and give immortality to the literature that speaks our hope most clearly.

Either the question must be answered in the affirmative or it must be that man is the greatest exception to the laws of an orderly world, the one being whose life is but a maze of contradictions. Are his powers alone to fail of their possibilities? Is he the one flower whose glorious seeds shall find no fruitage?

Why bears he these longings, why cherish dreams and hopes that can never be fulfilled in the brief span of his life? Shall he come into being, frightened with these precious seeds of eternity, this consciousness and expectation of a larger life, and all fail of fruition?

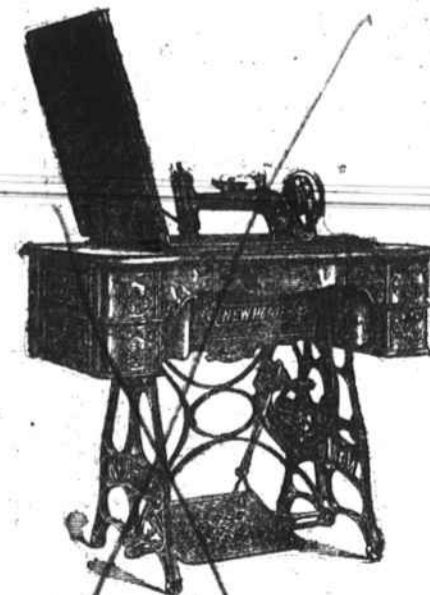
Life mocks not thus the grass of the fields. How much more, then, shall your Heavenly Father care for you, O ye of little faith. To doubt the fullness of life yet to be is to doubt the promise written over all the Father's works. And the heart of man answers back to the voice of nature. The nobler the man the clearer and firmer his hope of life to be—the white souls, the leaders, the lord of them all in life and character, kept clear and undimmed that shining light.

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