

MEANING OF EASTER

(By Rev. O. L. Simpson, in The Methodist News Herald)

Nature herself stages a resurrection in the Spring. Our festival could not be kept appropriately at any other season. On the first day of the Lord flowers blossomed thick in Joseph's garden, and nesting birds broke forth into joy and sang together before sunrise, the stone having been found rolling away from a forsaken grave. Christ Himself declared: "I am He that liveth; and I became dead; and behold I am alive evermore."

We know very well that to some good people the meaning of the Resurrection is that there was no resurrection. But it is always been a puzzle to know how a good Christian can deny the central, unique fact of Christianity and be a good Christian. Moreover, with all due deference to serious efforts to explain away the fact, it is difficult to understand how one can continue to speak of a resurrection if nothing rose. There is no other possible explanation of the testimony of twelve men of face of bonds and stripes and death, except on the supposition that Christ did appear to His disciples after they had seen Him die and had laid Him in His tomb. This does not mean that we can understand fully or analyze completely the mystery involved. Why should we try? The amazing fact stands forth.

"To preach the fact of the resurrection was the first function of the evangelists; to embody the doctrine of the resurrection is the great office of the church; to learn the meaning of the resurrection is the task not of one age only but of all."

THE SHEPHERD AND HIS WORK

(Paper read by Rev. J. C. Gentry at the March meeting of the Rutherford County Pastor's Association.)

The leader of the flock of believers is known by many names. But the name most suitable to describe his work of leadership is shepherd. No leader of men can have purer purpose and greater love for those whom he leads than that which is in the heart of the shepherd who is not a hireling.

The shepherd does not and can not care for his sheep from his front porch or medicine closet or shearing barn. It is true these are necessary, but the shepherd must be in the field with the sheep to guide them in feeding, to lead around the dangerous pitfalls and offset the enemy. Then, when this is done, the weak and lame need special care and the lost must be found.

"I am the good shepherd, and the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep," is setting a precedent for every one who answers the call: "Come follow me." Therefore, the work of the shepherd or pastor is to know the sheep by name, the needs and longings of each. To know this is no secluded task, but a task to be finished among those for whom the shepherd or pastor labors.

The minor part of the pastor's duty is often counted as the major, such as marriages, funerals, baptizing babies and making strangers feel at home. This is a part and essential part, but the duty of the shepherd is more far-reaching. The sick need cheer and comfort, the dying need soothing, the despondent need reviving, the hungry need to be guided to the food for their souls and directed in the building and care for their bodies, and the priceless souls that are lost must be found if the will of the Good Shepherd is done.

The shepherd or pastor is a watchman upon a tower. It is his duty to scan the country around to detect the approach of the enemy, to give the alarm, and go bravely, cautiously and with the Sword of the Spirit defeat the enemy. Then, not send the flock before, but be willing, qualified and ready to go before to guide around the snares and pitfalls, to break the bread of life, and follow the Lord as he would that the flock follow the shepherd.



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Horn's Cash Store
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LAWDALE STORE BURNED SATURDAY

Stock of Goods and Frame Store Building Destroyed by Fire; Loss \$9,000.

(Shelby Star)

The general merchandise store of Mr. Horn E. Hoyle was destroyed by fire Saturday night, the damage being approximately \$9,000 with only a half insurance coverage. Just how the fire originated Mr. Hoyle is unable to say. The fire had gone out in the stove sometime before he left the store at 10 o'clock. About 10:30 o'clock, young men passing say the flames eating its way through the eave of the house and gave the alarm. Mr. Hoyle and other neighbors hurried to the scene and formed a bucket brigade, but by that time the fire had gained such headway that it was beyond their control and in a few minutes the entire building was in a mass of flames. Nothing whatever was saved from the burning building. Mr. Hoyle said his stock of general merchandise inventoried about \$7,000 while the frame building was worth \$2,000, making a total loss of about \$9,000 with insurance of only half their value.

The burning store threatened a number of other buildings nearby but none of the others were damaged to any extent. The home of Miss Belle Grigg caught but the fire was extinguished and the fire-fighters had to keep the walls wet of the R. A.

Hord and son store and the corn mill to save them from catching. It was a quiet night with no March wind, otherwise the flames would have wrought a greater damage.

A thousand or more people saw the flame for miles away and gathered at the scene but they were powerless to do anything except save the adjacent buildings.

Big Lighthouse Organization.

In the largest lighthouse organization in the world the United States government maintains 16373 aids to navigation and uses 117 vessels, including lightships.

Origin of "Deadhead."

Deadhead is the literal translation of the Latin phrase, caput mortuum, which was much used by old chemists to denote the residuum of chemicals when all their volatile matter had escaped; hence the word is figuratively used of anything from which all that rendered it valuable has been taken away. Spectators or passengers who do not pay are not valuable, from a revenue standpoint.

Some Record.

Married in 1883, a mother before her seventeenth birthday, a grandmother fifteen years later, at the age of thirty-one, is the record of a woman living in Carmarthenshire, Wales.

Giant Concrete Tower.

Engineers are preparing plans for a concrete tower used as a wireless station that will be 1,200 feet high.

Montana Indian Reservations.

There are 5,558,464 acres in Indian reservations in Montana.

Not by a Jug Full.

People with beautiful dispositions can't always be depended on to get things done.

Something to Be Proud Of.

A woman is never satisfied with her prowess as a shopper until she has succeeded in getting a bargain at a church fair.

THINGS DECIDEDLY NEW FOR EASTER



New Lace Dresses—New Ensembles!

Colorful Frocks of Printed Silk in Styles That Suggest Approaching Summer.

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