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## SOME HISTORY ABOUT LENT AND EASTER.

### Origin and Significance of the Various Holy Days Preceding Easter.

Old Customs, Beliefs and Religious Rites  
Taken as the Foundation for a New  
Superstructure—What Easter Itself  
Stands for: New Life—Some Ways of  
Celebrating the Day.

Now comes the last week in Lent, called  
Holy Week.

In countries where the Roman Catholic  
church predominates, and in sections of  
this country where that denomination  
and the Episcopal church are strong, it  
is a very solemn occasion, and devout  
people deny themselves in various ways  
as penance for sins, and even those who  
pay little attention to the church during  
the remainder of the year conform to  
some extent to the influence.

This whole Lenten scheme was a crea-  
tion of the Church of Rome, devised by  
the Monks and approved by the Pope  
and the Bishops several centuries after  
Christ.

It is all symbolical, founded upon inci-  
dents of the Saviour's life, sufferings and  
death. The Romans, and indeed all  
other peoples in those days, save the  
Jews, were brought up in idolatry and  
accustomed to worship according to  
elaborate forms with great pomp and  
splendor. They could not comprehend  
the simple heart-religion of the early  
Christians, so it was necessary to build  
up for them a new fabric with all the  
ornate accessories that drew to the old  
religion. All known sources were drawn  
upon: the Scriptures (meaning the Old  
Testament as we know it), the Temple  
rites at Jerusalem, Roman and Greek  
mythology, tradition and fable. To  
these were added the imagery of the  
most vivid imaginations, and out of it  
all emanated a mosaic sufficiently ornate  
and beautiful to at least please and in-  
terest the masses of those times. And  
this is what has come down to us  
through the Roman Catholic church,  
though in a greatly modified form, and  
has been used as the basis of many  
of the denominations which have  
sprung from the original protestants  
against the old Romanism.

Neither Lent nor Easter are anniver-  
saries, as many suppose, and save the  
Roman (Catholic) and English (Epi-  
scopal) churches little attention is paid  
to Lent, but all unite in celebrating  
Easter, which commemorates Christ risen  
from the dead, and it is therefore  
the most joyful church festival day of  
the year. Elsewhere in this paper it is in-  
teresting to how the day got its name  
of Easter.

As we have said, the entire Lenten sea-  
son is symbolical. It begins with Ash  
Wednesday, on which day the priests of  
the Roman Catholic church mark the  
foreheads of the devout with ashes in  
imitation of the marking of the foreheads  
of the Children of Israel with blood in  
Egypt.

The forty days of Lent commemorate  
the forty days of the Saviour in the wil-  
derness, and while it does not come in  
natural sequence, it is fitting to immedi-  
ately follow it with the rejoicings of  
Easter.

Without noting the less important  
Lenten church days, which are observed  
only by the Catholic and high Episcopal  
churches, we come down to Holy Week.

The week has a mixture of commemora-  
tive days, beginning with Palm Sunday  
(tomorrow) which of course everybody  
knows commemorates the entry of Christ  
into Jerusalem. In the Catholic and  
many Episcopal churches palms are dis-  
tributed to the attendants, and the de-  
vout Catholic would regard it as a  
calamity not to receive a palm.

Annunciation Tuesday commemorates  
the announcement by the Angel Gabriel  
to the Virgin Mary, telling her of the  
incarnation of Christ.

Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday,  
is ascension day in memory of the ascen-  
sion from the mount.

Good Friday is a fast day in memory  
of the passion and suffering of Christ,  
and of the crucifixion.

Holy Saturday commemorates the day  
Christ spent in the tomb, and then comes  
Easter, glad, joyful Easter!

All the world sings and rejoices that  
by His great suffering and His miracu-  
lous triumph over death mankind is  
redeemed from eternal death.  
It was the greatest victory and the  
greatest triumph the world has ever  
known, and it was a victory and a  
triumph in which the lowliest of man-  
kind participate as a beneficiary.  
There be who doubt this story,

while doubting or entirely disbelieving  
all the rest of the Bible, for it is inherent  
in mankind to feel the need of a saviour,  
and where can one be found more strong  
and lovely, more efficacious and sure?

It is meet that this commemorative day  
should come in spring time, when all  
nature is rising from the dead and tak-  
ing on new life.

It is meet that all should don bright  
new clothes—if we do not confine our  
celebration to that—and with light and  
joyous hearts feast and be merry, for we  
are saved from death because  
"Christ is risen indeed!"

### EASTER AND EASTER CUSTOMS.

[By REXACCA SPAUD, Woodington.]  
None save THE WARRIOR: Mr. REXACCA—Please  
publish this for the benefit of the children who read  
your valuable paper.

Easter is the day on which Christ rose  
from the tomb. It does not come on the  
same date every year. It does not al-  
ways come in the same month either.  
But it comes the first Sunday after the  
first full moon after the twenty-first of  
March.

Easter is regarded as a holiday with  
many who like to make a display of their  
gay costumes, especially their Easter  
bonnets.

In Lima holiday lasts for a while.  
The Sunday previous to Ash Wednes-  
day opens the carnival for them. Dur-  
ing this time people play all kinds of  
tricks or jokes on each other.

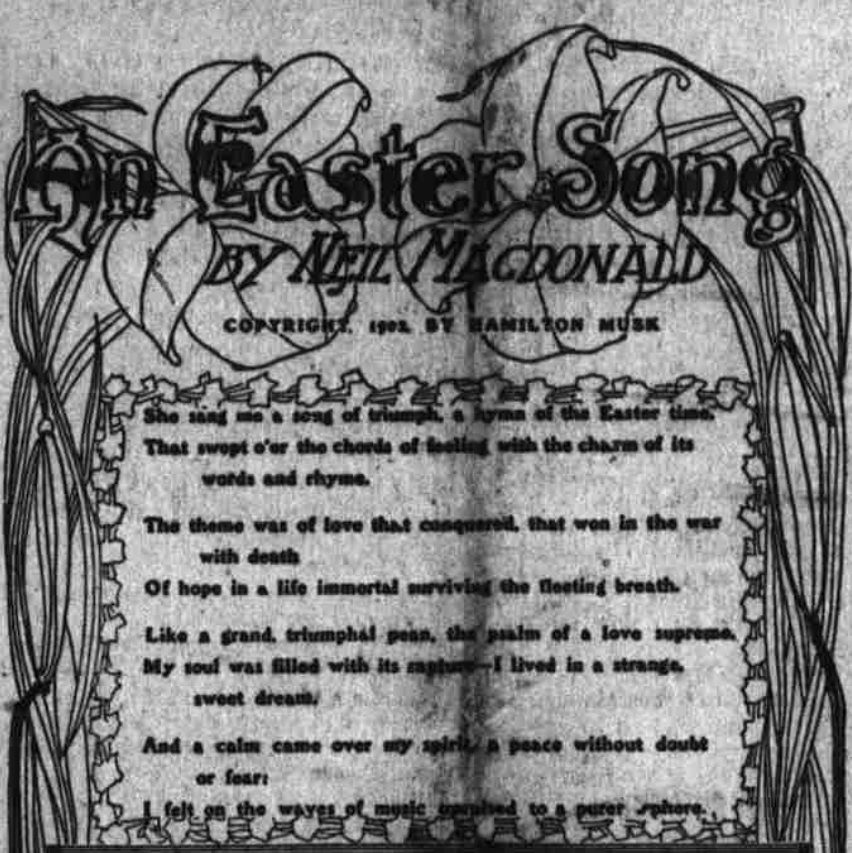
A dentist never has a job of dentistry  
too delicate or difficult for some one to  
spoil his work in some manner if they  
choose to do so. They like to give each  
other a good saturating with perfumed  
water, which they store up in all man-  
ner of hollow images for this purpose.  
It would be dangerous for you to even  
walk the streets without your umbrella  
with you, unless you wanted a per-  
fumed bath, even if you were a stranger.  
No carpet or furniture is too good to be  
spilled during the carnival. In Eng-  
land they have what is called a hare  
scramble. This is on a piece of land be-  
queathed to the rector and his succes-  
sors, provided they make arrangements  
for this pastime annually. These festi-  
vities always take place on Monday af-  
ter Easter, and some of the implements  
have been kept for thirty years for this  
purpose.

Some people seem to be more devoted  
to the service of God during lent than at  
any other part of the year. They will go  
to their churches and hold prayer and  
communion service at any appointed  
hour, especially very early in the morn-  
ing. And some will not eat plentifully of  
delicate food all during lent and try to  
live a life of fasting and prayer until  
Easter and then have a feast and prayer,  
the feast consisting largely of eggs  
cooked in every way imaginable. They  
prefer eggs because it is said eggs repre-  
sent Christ's resurrection. As Christ rose  
from the silent grave and brought with  
Him new life and consolation to the be-  
liever, so the chicken will come from  
the seemingly lifeless egg.

The custom of sending flowers to an  
absent friend at Easter is steadily in-  
creasing, more and more as the Easter  
gifts prevail, more and more it becomes  
a common manner of flowers. They are sent  
in boxes tied with ribbon that match  
with the flowers to friends, both far and  
near. All kinds of flowers that grow are  
sent to the sick, the sorrowful, the poor  
and the inmates of hospitals. It is most  
likely there is no touch of Easter or sun-  
shine, except what flowers bring to many  
a little sufferer. Different flowers are said  
to represent different things, but the lilies  
are Easter's favorite flower, be-  
cause they are the symbol of divinity,  
of purity, of abundance, of love and most  
complete in charity and perfection. The  
delicately beautiful lily of the valley is  
known as the ladder to heaven.

You see that people have different ways  
of celebrating the resurrection of Christ,  
but we should endeavor to make others  
happy at all times, and especially at  
Easter, because the resurrection gave  
such hope to the world. It was the  
triumph of love and unselfishness. If  
Christ had not loved us so unselfishly  
and patiently, perhaps He would not  
have come back from the grave. The  
resurrection is an every day lesson for us.  
Just as long as we are loving and for-  
giving to people, we are able to rise  
above the things they may do to trouble  
us; but when bitterness and hate control  
our minds, we are easily dead to the  
things that make us better than brutes.  
Love forces resurrection from that which  
is lowest in our nature, and Easter  
teaches us its power. Surely it is very  
ungrateful to be unkind at Easter time.  
Christ in His letter, found under a large  
stone and turned over by a child without  
aid, advises all to fast five Fridays in a  
year, beginning with last and concluding  
for the next four Fridays.

You know what you are accomplishing  
when you take God's Truth into your  
heart. The reward is plainly written on every page  
in showing that it is simply true and genuine in a  
million ways. See also, the Page, 20.



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Bright vistas opened before me, dimmer than the feet  
never tread;  
I longed for a bliss which only the soul finds in rest with God.  
The wonderful anthem ended, the last notes dying away  
As the youth wind breathed its promise of verdure and  
flowers for May.  
The jubilant chimes of Easter rang out with a glad refrain  
I felt that for man, as nature, the springtime would  
come again.  
I thought of the risen Saviour, I thought of His  
empty tomb.  
And over the graves of ages I saw the anemone bloom.

A bunch of nodding violets rare;  
A little tuft of hay,  
A quiet path through fields of green;  
Some daisies by the way,  
A bird or two with outspread wings;  
A waving ostrich plume,  
And further on a sylvan dell  
Wherein sweet roses bloom.—  
This is not a song of gentle spring,  
But to show you where you're at  
These things are used in making  
A woman's Easter hat.



## SOMETHING NEW FOR EASTER!

There is a tradition to the effect  
that luck attends the wearing of  
something new on Easter Sunday.  
Especially for this occasion have  
we provided a line of

### DAINTY AND USEFUL NOVELTIES,

beautiful and unique in design, and  
of exquisite workmanship. Easter is the turning point  
of spring—a day of joy and life and gladness. Nothing could be  
more appropriate as an Easter gift than a pretty, sparkling jewel  
or a dainty bit of jewelry. There's plenty here to choose from:  
Ladies' Fobs—the latest fad, Lockets, Brooches, Neck Chains,  
Rings, Hat Pins, Belt Pins, Cuff Pins, Book Marks, Emblem  
Pins and Buttons, Cuff and Collar Buttons, Fob Chains, Nice  
Umbrellas and Canes, and lots of other small articles which will  
help to adorn the new Easter suit.

DENMARK, The Jeweler.

### Mistrial in Wilcox Case.

Elizabeth City, March 22.—The jury in  
the trial of Wilcox, charged with mur-  
dering Nellie Cropey after an all night  
conference, reported this morning a dis-  
agreement.

The jury stood eight for conviction,  
four for acquittal.

A large crowd lingered around the  
court house all night, but quietly dis-  
persed this morning when the disagree-  
ment was announced. Officers were pre-  
pared to give Wilcox protection had oc-  
casion demanded it.

### A Black Giant.

"There were giants in those days" and  
"there are a few, kind sir," in these days.  
Some are white and some are black and  
some betwixt and between. Just over  
the line in Duplin county lives Prince  
Grady, whose frame should adorn a  
museum when he gets through with it.  
His second finger is 8 1/2 inches long; from  
his second finger to his wrist is 8 1/2 inches;  
his arms are 3 feet long and his legs 3  
feet 11 inches. From his hips to the  
crown of his head is 28 inches, and from  
the bottom of his foot to his knee is 2  
feet 4 inches. The sole of his foot mea-  
sures 14 inches and he reaches up from  
them into the air 6 feet 3 inches and is still  
ascending, being only 17 years of age.

### THE CHURCHES.

Services will be held at the churches in  
Kinston tomorrow as follows, to which  
everybody is invited:

Methodist Church.  
Services both morning and evening.  
Sunday school at 9:30.

Episcopal Church.  
Morning and evening services.  
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Free Will Baptist Church.  
Services both morning and evening.  
Sunday school at 3 p. m.

Presbyterian Church.  
Preaching at 11 a. m.  
No service at night.  
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Christian Church.  
Morning subject: "The Responsibility  
of Each Member for the Success or Fail-  
ure of our Meeting."  
Evening subject: "Why the Jews  
Failed."  
Sunday school at 3 o'clock.

Missionary Baptist Church.  
Morning service at 11 o'clock.  
No evening service.  
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.  
Jr. B. Y. P. U. 2:30 p. m.  
B. Y. P. U. 3:30 p. m.

### EASTER ADS.

#### Live Business Houses Represented in this Edition.

Men who wear pants and things will be  
interested in the ad of Walls, the tailor,  
which shows the advantage and economy  
of trading at home.

Hines Brothers say if you have timber  
to sell they are ready to do business with  
you. Or if you want to buy dressed lum-  
ber.

Ladies who are still considering about  
the Easter hat can quickly come to a de-  
cision by visiting A. B. Miller's store.

W. B. Bond asks a trial order for his  
meats, feeling sure it will mean steady  
custom.

Moyers & Midyette can satisfy all your  
wants in the grocery line.  
If there is any trouble with your eyes  
consult Dr. Hyatt.

Quinn & Miller have everything neces-  
sary for housekeeping, and will outfit you  
on the installment plan if you desire.

The spring opening of millinery goods  
at N. L. Bruton & Bro.'s store will begin  
next Wednesday, just in time for Easter.

Country produce of all kinds, including  
fresh eggs for Easter, can be found at  
Moore & Hooker's.

Everybody is invited to visit J. M. Ste-  
venson's store and inspect the fine line of  
dry goods and millinery.

If you are going to build anything this  
year better consult the Gay Lumber Co.,  
headquarters for dressed and undressed  
pine.

Cox & Co. advertises the very latest in  
men's shoes, the "Smart Set." Read  
what is said about them, also about fine  
clothing.

Ed J. Becton makes some interesting  
remarks about fire and life insurance.

Tower Hill Dairy has two daily deliv-  
eries of fresh pure milk. Pure cream and  
high grade butter also served.

And by all means, if you are looking  
for Easter week bargains do not fail to  
carefully peruse the timely ad of Elstein  
Brothers. Great quantities of the very  
latest things in dry goods have just ar-  
rived from New York and the dress goods  
this year are prettier than ever. Every  
taste can be suited in the big store.

The Best Prescription for Malaria  
Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grover's Tanta-  
lum China Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in  
pleasant form. No cost—No Pay. Price 25c.

## CONTRACT LET FOR FINE NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

Kinston Will Have one of the Finest  
in the State.

To Be of Brick 75x117, With Two Stories  
and Basement and Have all Modern  
and Sanitary Conveniences—Cost of  
Building Will Be About \$18,000—  
Site Not Yet Selected.

A meeting of the board of trustees of  
the graded school was held Thursday  
and the board awarded contract for the  
proposed new graded school building.

Five firms put in bids for the build-  
ing. Mess. Porter & Godwin, of Goldsboro,  
put in the lowest bid and were awarded  
the contract for \$16,799. The bids of  
the other firms were as follows: D. J.  
Rose, \$17,593.50; W. B. Barrow, \$18-  
927; Zackary & Zackary, \$17,678; M. A.  
Moses, \$20,499.45.

The specifications call for a brick  
building 75x117, two stories and a base-  
ment, 14 class rooms and assembly hall.

The contract for heating and ventila-  
ting appliances was let to Pecks, Ham-  
mond & Co. at \$2,145.

These two contracts do not include  
stone steps for the building, the estimated  
cost for which is \$400, school furniture,  
which will cost about \$1,000 and water  
closets, which will cost several hundred  
dollars. Besides these things mentioned  
a site for the building must be purchased.

For all of this the trustees have at  
their disposal \$20,000 received from sale  
of the bonds voted some time ago and  
the proceeds that will be received from  
the sale of the present school site. It is  
anticipated that this will lack several  
thousand dollars of being sufficient to  
complete the building and buy a suitable  
site.

As yet no site has been decided on and  
the contract for the building provides  
that work will be commenced when the  
trustees give notice. This will be done  
as soon as a site is purchased.

The contractors who bid on the pro-  
posed new building said it will be one  
of the finest graded school buildings in  
the State.

### A Bold, Bad Outland Lady.

Concerning Lena Simmons, the colored  
woman arrested here and taken to  
Goldsboro, a correspondent writes:  
"The crime with which she is charged  
and which there is ample evidence to  
prove, is one of the boldest robberies that  
has taken place in this city for some  
time. She entered the store of Caster  
& Co. in broad day light on Sunday morn-  
ing about 11 o'clock while people were  
going along the streets to church. She  
was noticed by Chief of Police Freeman  
when she emerged from a side alley. He  
knew the girl and asked her what she  
was doing with so many bundles. She  
had some hat boxes and two or three  
bundles in her arms. She told the chief  
that she was carrying them up to the  
residence of Mr. L. H. Caster. This did  
not satisfy the chief and he found a clerk  
who worked in the store and asked about  
the bundles. The clerk said the girl was  
telling a falsehood. The chief then went  
to find the girl. He found most of the  
stolen goods, but the girl succeeded in  
making her escape. When arrested she  
had one pair of the shoes for which she  
had stolen and which she had never  
worn."

### Sunday School Convention Here.

The State Sunday School convention,  
which has been in session at Fayetteville  
this week, voted to accept the invitation  
sent by the Kinston Sunday schools and  
the convention next year will be held  
here. Over 250 delegates and friends  
were in Fayetteville during the conven-  
tion and the town folks turned out in  
large numbers. The services were all in-  
teresting and instructive and some of  
the addresses were fine pieces of oratory.  
Mr. G. H. Cromwell was re-elected pres-  
ident and reports showed the finances of  
the association in good condition.

### La Grippe Quickly Cured.

"In the winter of 1899 and 1890 I was  
taken down with a severe attack of what  
is called La Grippe," says F. L. Hewett,  
a prominent druggist of Winfield, Ill.  
"The only medicine I used was two bot-  
les of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It  
broke up the cold and stopped the cough-  
ing like magic, and I have never since  
been troubled with Grippe." Chamber-  
lain's Cough Remedy can always be de-  
pended upon to break up a severe cold  
and ward off any threatened attack of  
pneumonia. It is pleasant to take, too,  
which makes it the most desirable and  
one of the most popular preparations in  
use for these ailments. For sale by J. E.  
Hood