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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink."

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The Easter Message

Perhaps there was never a time when the
Easter message of hope and renewal was more
sorely needed than in our troubled world of to-
day. Having allowed material things to domi-
nate our outlook, we have largely ceased to un-
derstand the meaning of revelation; and if this
applies to our personal relations it has a still
more important bearing on the wider concerns
of humanity. A great part of the human race
does not accept the story of Jesus or the in-
dividual importance of men which He taught.

The war against pagan Germany was won,
but as Easter dawns again we perceive that the
long struggle between the two fundamental
ideas in men's minds is not finished. The Chris-
tian principle is assailed, as always, by outside
forces. Today these forces are embodied in the
menace of Communism, dominant in a large
part of Europe and the Far East, and reaching
after nothing short of global supremacy. But
there are dangers within as well as without,
from the loss of our own inner faith in things
spiritual, against which no atomic bomb or At-
lantic Pact can save us. Without "the purpose,
the mystery and the hope" which religion sup-
plies, what is there left? Nothing but sheer
physical power, and pursuit of material posses-
sions.

Essentially the Easter message is a person-
al one. Men and women in their lives constantly
face the sorrows of death, failure and disappoint-
ment. It is as individuals that they must win
through to that sustaining faith which animates
the whole body of Christian believers.

Given the Resurrection event, all human ex-
perience becomes clear. It reveals our present
essay amid the shadows of life as but a preface
to more glorious and thrilling chapters in the
realm beyond. Nature herself, having been
planted in the likeness of death, awakes at this
season in the likeness of a joyful resurrection.
In Prince Edward Island tomorrow, as
throughout Canada and western Christendom,
special church services will mark the recurrence
of the Easter festival. May the experience of
this day prove so rich a possession that we shall
treasure it through the balance of the year.

Agriculture And Exports

Several hundred thousand dairy farmers in
Canada, says the Ottawa Journal, face a cut of
20 to 25 percent in their possible income this
Summer as a result of the vanishing export trade
in concentrated milk products and the introduc-
tion of margarine. This at a time when there is
still a tendency on the part of organized labor
to demand further wage increases, when some
manufactured products are being increased in
price, and freight rates may be raised again. As
far as the dairyman is concerned the drop is too
sudden.

In Toronto last week concentrated milk
producers, of whom there are about 20,000 in
Ontario, negotiated new agreements with manu-
facturers at prices as much as 65 cents a hun-
dred pounds below the 1948 figure. The manu-
facturers of powdered and evaporated milk were
candid in saying their warehouses were filled
to capacity and export trade had dropped to a
trickle. The new price to the farmer is as low
as \$2.50 a hundredweight for milk, compared to
top of \$3.15 last year. The only immediate hope
of selling surpluses and putting plants back in
production is the Children's Emergency Relief
Fund, and that means a substantial grant by
Parliament. "In short," says the Journal, "we will
have to clear the surplus by paying for it our-
selves and giving it away." It adds:
"Other thousands of dairymen have been
affected by margarine. Butterfat has dropped
about 20 cents a pound, which means huge
losses to farmers this Summer when upwards of
two hundred million pounds of butter will be
made.

"All of which can have its effect on urban
centres, and on general employment. It means
that much less buying power for several hun-
dred thousand Canadians, money they might
have spent for city-manufactured goods and
services. It might mean a slight decrease in the
cost of living for urban people; it might also
mean unemployment. There is a further angle
which should not be lost sight of—low prices
for what they sell, and continued high costs
for goods and services they must purchase, could
easily discourage a sufficient number of dairy
farmers so that the over-all effect in a year or
so would be a milk shortage in this country."

Don't Like Homework

The latest issue of the Manitoba School
Trustee devotes its editorial page to comment
on absenteeism from schools, based on a recent
study made by the National Committee for
School Health Research.

A sample study was made during the school
year 1946-47 of nine large cities, plus a repre-
sentative group of other urban and rural areas.
Findings about the cause of absenteeism on this
broad base should be pretty reliable.

It is shown that urban pupils lose 11.6
school days per year and rural pupils 16.6, which
means the staggering total of 28,000,000 pupil
days per year in Canadian schools.

The reasons for absence break down into 45
medical and nine non-medical causes. The com-
mon cold leads the medical causes, though up-

per respiratory troubles generally seem to be
pretty plaguey as well.

Chief of the non-medical causes is given
as "lack of child help in the home," which, ob-
serves The Winnipeg Free Press, is probably an
elegant way of saying parents don't like helping
with homework.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Trout fishing opens today.

Tomorrow, Easter Sunday, the Queen of
Festivals.

Culloden, 1746 — the beginning of Scot-
land's civil conquest of England.

With politicians it seems, life begins at
seventy, whereas it ceases at 65 for civil servants
and railway employees.

Spring has not arrived in all its might
yet; it is usually round about the 10th. of May
that the farmers and gardeners count upon to
get on the soil.

It may be merely a "cold war" in the West-
ern hemisphere but in China, Burma, Malaya,
Indonesia and Siam the Communists are fight-
ing with live ammunition.

This is the time for glad displays and enjoy-
ment of foodstuffs, fashions and feelings of op-
timism; the resurrection of hitherto delayed
hopes and aspirations.

While showing such an active interest in
matters of health it is a pity that the Federal
Government sees fit to dismiss the pressing
problem of housing with a curt explanation that
it is a Provincial matter.

Canadian blueberry plants have been plac-
ed in different Scottish areas of waste land.
Scots far from "home" may not consider this
an altogether fair exchange for the heather
which is so generously shipped abroad, but the
lads in the Highlands take a more canny view.

Austria, Denmark, Finland, Italy, the Saar
area, Sweden, Switzerland, Yugoslavia and the
British, American and French zones of Germany
have banded together against the Colorado beetle.
An Associated Press report indicates that an
international committee plans to lay low that
enemy of the potato crop.

The so-called weaker sex. "There is also
another point which we might as well face" says
Virginia Grahame discussing woman's creative
abilities with Sidone Goossens and Barbara
Whelpton in the BBC's "Women's Magazine";
"it is that on the whole, men are much better at
everything than women."

"Man draws much inspiration and happi-
ness, as well as common sense and straight
thinking, from contact with the soil," says L. F.
Easterbrook, speaking on "Farm and Factory" in
the B.B.C.'s Overseas Service. "Man is part of
it, like the animals, the plants and the trees,
and he cannot cut himself entirely off from it
and keep his human nature intact."

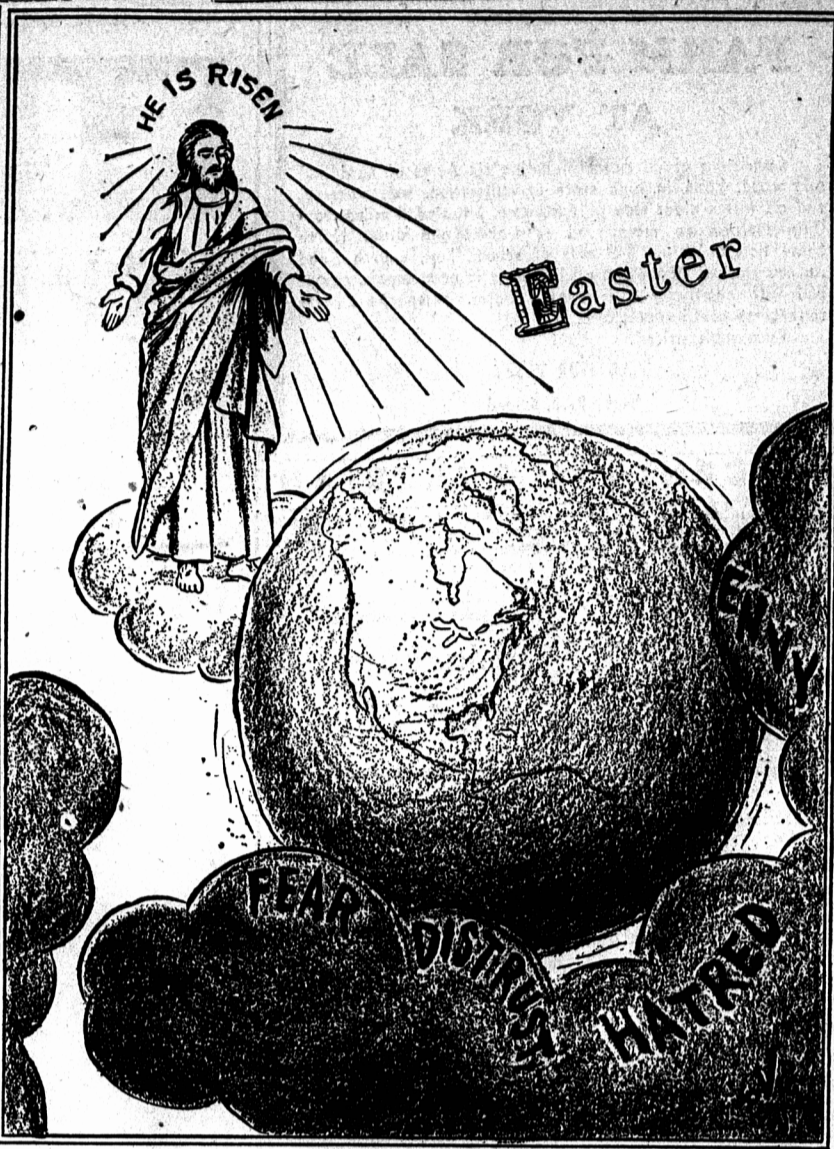
Sir Hans Sloane, Irish physician and nat-
uralist, died this date 1753; was physician to
the Governor of Jamaica in 1657 where he made
a collection of plants; appointed President of
the Royal Society in 1727; was Court physi-
cian to Queen Anne, George I and George II.
With his and the Cottonian collection, the Brit-
ish Museum was founded in 1754.

President Truman's proposal to maintain
high farm incomes is based on a complicated
formula, but is basically to pay cash compensa-
tion when the price of perishable foods goes
down and to grant loans on non-perishable
products under similar circumstances. The farmer
still has the incentive to concentrate on the most
profitable products, but is protected against loss
in the process.

Prince Edward Island's early example is
being followed in the matter of automobile li-
cense plates. "Seed Potatoes and Foxes" is not
to be seen but Vermont markers
carry "Green Mountains" which is not
very much of a change. The practice is wide-
spread, Kansas using, "The Wheat State," Flor-
ida, "The Sunshine State," Georgia, "The Peach
State" and Wisconsin announcing itself as,
"America's Dairyland."

Life everlasting in nature. A type of fir
tree which was believed to have been extinct
for more than 100,000,000 years has been suc-
cessfully grown from seed in Britain. Details of
this fascinating botanic achievement are given
in the annual report of the Timber Develop-
ment Association, just published. Several seeds
of the tree were sent to Britain from Central
China. They were taken from some specimens
of Metasequoia glyptostroboides found growing
there by an exploratory expedition. This tree has
only been known from fossilized remains until
some Chinese explorers found a single speci-
men growing in a remote valley about two years
ago. When fully developed this type of fir is said
to reach 150 feet in height and measure seven
feet in diameter. The mildest possible climate
is recommended for rearing plants from its seed.

The drawing of unemployment insurance by
retired railway employees is a common practice
and is in accord with regulations, we are assured
by local officials of the Federal Department.
The Act makes contributions to the unemploy-
ment fund obligatory except in the case of officials
of the permanent civil service, and the only
requirement for drawing insurance is the fact
that the applicant is not working and is avail-
able for some kind of work. The money is drawn
on the basis of one-fifth of the number of days,
up to a minimum of five years, of the period of
payment into the fund. In no case is the applic-
ant refused on the basis of his being a pensioner
from other employment, or is the amount lim-
ited by reason of his receiving such a pension.



PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the
discussion by correspondents
of questions of interest. The
Guardian does not necessari-
ly endorse the opinion of
correspondents.

"HARD TO REALIZE"

Sir,—The enclosed clipping of a
paper from Saskatchewan may be
of interest to you. You might find
it hard to realize that Prince Ed-
ward Island is a village in Cape
Breton Island.

I am, Sir, etc.
D. A. MCCOUSH.

Plymouth Park
Stellarton, N.S.

(Enclosure)
"Considered the most challenging
role of the year is Jane Wyman's
assignment in Warner Bros. herald-
ed drama, "Johnny Belinda," which
opens Wednesday at the Elite
Theatre. She plays a pathetic coun-
try lass, dwelling among fishing
folks on Prince Edward Island.
Lew Ayres, as the young village
doctor, is the only person to pene-
trate her drab world. As Dr. Rob-
ertson, Lew Ayres ministers main-
ly to Miss Wyman, the poor coun-
try lass, woefully mistreated by
her father, Charles Bickford, and
by the townspeople of her Cape
Breton Island village."

PEN-FRIENDS WANTED

Sir,—As we are very keen to
have friendly correspondence with
people in Prince Edward Island,
we hereby beg to ask you for a
little space to publish our names
and addresses with a view to so-
licit pen-friends for us there. Our
names, addresses and interests are
as follows:
1. Mr. C. H. Lee (age 21), 13
Logan Road, Penang, Malaya. In-
terested in friendly correspond-
ence with any one, boy or girl;
exchange of stamps, etc.
2. Miss Betty Chan (age 19),
12 Pangkor Road, Penang, Mala-
ya. Interested in friendly cor-
respondence with girls in Prince
Edward Is.; exchange of stamps,
etc.

I am
Faintly yours
C. H. LEE.

Penang
10th Feb. 1949.

Old Charlottetown
(And P. E. I.)

ACTS READ ALOUD

In early colonial days, after the
close of each session of the Legis-
lature, the Provost Marshal was re-
quired to read aloud, in the most
prominent places in Charlottetown,
the Acts that had been passed at
the session. This custom prevailed
for several years until the laws
were printed and given to the peo-
ple to read for themselves.
There was also a bell post on
Queen Street at the door of the
Cross Keys tavern where all no-
tices of public meetings and other
gatherings were announced after
the loud ringing of the bell.
Then there was the Town Crier,
who was for many years a well-
known institution on the streets of
Charlottetown. The last member
of this profession was John Hatch,
who carried a large brass bell which
he rang vigorously at the street
corner, and cried so loudly and in
such a peculiar voice that it was
hard to understand a word he said
—except "O Yes! O Yes! to be sold
by auction!"

The Age-Old Story

They that hate thee shall be
clothed with shame, and the
dwelling place of the wicked shall
come to nought.



EASTER DAY

Break the box and shed the yard;
Stop not now to count the cost;
Hither bring pearl, opal, sard;
Reek not what the poor have lost;
Upon Christ, throw all away;
Know ye, this is Easter Day.

Build His church and deck His
shrine.
Empty though it be on earth;
Ye have kept your choicest wine—
Let it flow for heavenly mirth;
Pluck the harp and breathe the
horn;
Know ye not 'tis Easter Morn?

Gather gladness from the skies;
Take a lesson from the ground;
Flowers do ope their heavenward
eyes
And a Spring-time joy have found:
Earth throws Winter's robes away;
Decks herself for Easter Day.

Beauty now for ashes wear;
Perfumes for the garb of woe;
Chaplets for dishevelled hair;
Dances for sad footsteps slow;
Open wide your hearts that they
Let in joy this Easter Day.

Seek God's house in happy throng;
Crowded let His table be;
Mingle praises, prayer and song;
Singing to the Trinity.
Henceforth let your souls always
Make each morn an Easter Day.

—Gerard Hopkins.

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sovereign was that of Sylla, Rom-
an dictator, in 79 B.C.

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THE ASCENSION

The yearly presentation of the
Lord's incarnate life and work in
liturgical order comes to a climax
in the festival of the Ascension. "Ye
have believed," says Christ in the
Fourth Gospel, "that I came out
from God. I came forth from the
Father, and am come into the
world; again, I leave the world, and
go to the Father." In the Cross
and the Resurrection the barriers of
sin and death between earth and
heaven are broken and thrown
down: in the Ascension the union
between the world of time and
sense and the higher world of the
spirit is consummated and fulfilled.
The action in the drama of Red-
emption, which is the recovery by
a lost earth of its true life at one
with heaven, begins in the divine-
human birth, when heaven announ-
ced to man the source and issue of
his salvation: "in the highest,
glory to God; on earth, peace."
The Saviour's at-onement of earth
with heaven is achieved in His vic-
tory over evil in the Cross; the
Resurrection seals and reveals it;
and the Ascension carries to its
culmination the revelation of the
true destiny of man, the reversal
of paradise lost in the restoration
of paradise regained.

Thus the Ascension is no mere
epilogue to the Passion and the
Resurrection. With them it is es-
sential to the process of the In-
carnation. The Lord's coming to
earth was a "coming forth" in as
real an actual event in historic time
as is every human birth; and the
Ascension staged in a symbolic ac-
tion of superb power and beauty
the equally real fact of the ending
of his incarnate work, within the
limitations of time and space, by
his return to the heavenly order
which is not so conditioned.

There can be no mistaking the
dramatic finality of the Ascension,
both as ending and as beginning.
It was the ending of the visible
contact of the 40 days and the be-
ginning of a new spiritual fellow-
ship, "by faith and not by sight."
For frail men and women visible
contact and invisible fellowship
could not continue to exist together
without spiritual loss; for where it
can be had, the material evidence
of the senses always tends to over-
shadow the inward witness of the
spirit.

REDUCING TIP

A man weighs about 12 ounces
less at either the North or South
Pole than he does at the equator.

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