

AN EASTER SERMON FOR CHILDREN

By Rev. A. E. Roberts

What season of the year is this? (Spring.) Yes, that's right. Spring-time; when we see the snow melting away, and the water runs in streams down the hills; when the flowers begin to wake up from their long winter sleep; and the buds come on the trees; when the birds begin to fly around again, and chirp merrily to the sun...

One day I was asked to go to the graveyard to read the burial service over the body of one who had lived nearly eighty years on this earth; and as I looked into the coffin, I thought of all those years spent on this earth, and wondered if God would let me live as long as that. And then, soon afterwards, I went into another home, where death had come, and this time the coffin was a small one, the body was that of a little child not quite a year old...

GREAT GATHERING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLK

Delegates of International Sunday School Association to Meet in Frisco

A small company of men select Bible lessons which 25,000,000 persons, young and old, study every week. Behind these men is a Sunday school association, and it meets in a delegated convention in San Francisco at the end of June—the 20th to 27th is the exact date.

It is nearly forty years since the association was formed. Later there was formed also a world association, and it holds conventions. The international gathering, like the one in San Francisco in June, meets once in three years. This year the topic is "An Open Bible and the Uplifted Cross," and special emphasis is to be placed upon the spiritual phase of Christian education.

There will be reports from many hands and from many forms of effort, to the end that a tally of results, also of defects, may be had. Preceding the regular convention will be a conference of home mission interests on the Pacific coast. All Protestant bodies will take part for Christian unity has progressed to that practical point.

The New Encyclopaedia Britannica (11th Edition) AND THE University of Cambridge.

Report of a speech delivered by the late President of the British Academy at a dinner given in London last Autumn by the Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, on the undertaking by the University of the New Edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

In proposing the toast of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, the late Mr. S. H. Butcher (President of the British Academy and M.P. for Cambridge University) said:

Lord Rayleigh, your Excellency, my Lords, and gentlemen. The great honour has been done me of asking me to propose the toast of the Encyclopaedia Britannica this evening.

I should just like to mention to you that I am not a person of any large multifarious learning myself, and I do not in any way feel encyclopaedic. (Laughter.) I do not know why, but I have always felt a little shy about encyclopaedic knowledge.

I would not dare to ask any body of men to drink the toast of an encyclopaedic man, but I think I may ask this Assembly to drink the toast of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. It is a very remarkable book in its traditions. The first edition goes back 140 years.

How did this book come into existence? Who has made it what it is? Let me say at once that Cambridge did not make it. (Laughter.) Cambridge did nothing as regards the planning of this work, or the choice of the writers, but Cambridge did look into it carefully, and tested its merits with a view to taking over its publication.

I mean to be very short, and only to point out what seem to me to be two interesting and original features in this new edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. The first is that the book is, or will be when it comes out, a complete and uniform whole.

The editor has through all these years kept all the parts of this book in relation one with the other. He has kept a hold on the contributors; and has made each know what the other collaborators in the same department were doing. He so set to work that the book has received a structural unity of its own.

I observe in the list of contributors of all kinds to this book that there are the names of writers belonging to the organized societies which represent organized knowledge—some of the best men we have. We have from the Royal Society 108 contributors, and from the body which I have the honor to represent, and of

which I am now President, the British Academy, there are no less than 57 contributors, considerably more than half of the whole of the members. (Cheers.) I would just like to say that the British Academy represents all those branches of learning which do not come within the range of the Royal Society itself; that is to say, it represents what one may call the humanistic subjects treated by scientific methods—ancient and modern history, philology, including literature, language, classical, Semitic; modern law, jurisprudence and general philosophy, political economy and other subjects.

I heard somebody say that it was greatly to be hoped that Cambridge, having acquired this new work, is not going to fall behind "The Times." (Laughter.) I would just like to say to my only other point as regards Cambridge itself. I hope, and I believe from what I have learnt as to the new book, that Cambridge is a fitting home for the new edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, and may in future times make itself responsible for another and later edition of it.

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CHURCH NOTES

1. Christ is a living Saviour. 2. Christ has conquered death. 3. Christ gives power over sin.

The vestry meeting of St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, is called for Monday evening next at 8 p.m.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Columbia will celebrate its twentieth anniversary on Wednesday evening next by a service in St. Saviour's church at 7.30 p.m.

The new rectory of St. Saviour's church has been started. It will be a handsome building of nine rooms, and is situated next to the church on Catharine street.

The annual congregational social of the Victoria West Methodist church will be held next Tuesday evening. A most attractive programme has been prepared, among those taking part being Miss Dilworth, J. O. Dunford and J. G. Brown.

The pastor of Emmanuel Baptist church leaves today for a trip to the Southern California points. His work to-morrow will be taken by A. J. Brace, secretary of the Y.M.C.A., in the morning, and Rev. A. E. Roberts in the evening. There will be special Easter music and sermons.

Next Tuesday evening the Men's Social Club of the Congregational church will pay a friendly visit to the Old Men's Home and give a varied and interesting programme of music, etc., for the benefit of the inmates of the home.

Last Monday evening H. J. Pollard gave a most interesting address to the Young People's Society of the Congregational church on "Great Hymns of the Christian Church." By his personal acquaintance with many of the hymn writers, Mr. Pollard was able to make a most interesting and helpful address, and he was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

"Mother's Sunday," April 23, will be observed in the Congregational church. -Meet at R. Williams & Co.'s Clothing Sale to-night.

The Lily has a holy Easter Day, and yet it will die and wither away; but Jesus our Saviour, lives on for ever.

2. Christ has conquered death. What a dreadful thing death seems to us sometimes. And we all put death so far away from us, don't we? We say, Oh, I'm quite young yet, I shall not die for a long time. Do you know, whenever I go into a cemetery, I always see among the big gravestones tiny mounds of earth, and there I know the bodies of the children rest.

God sends His bright spring sun To melt the ice and snow, To start the green leaf buds, And make the flowers glow.

He sends His love to man, To make His Goodness grow, Let us be sweet like flowers, That in a garden blow.

WESTMINSTER HALL Annual Banquet of Vancouver Presbyterian College.

The annual banquet of Westminster Hall, Vancouver, was held on Tuesday evening in Dominion Hall, Vancouver, when six hundred sat down to tables well provided and artistically decorated by the college Ladies' Auxiliary.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, Victoria, was the first speaker after the cloth was removed. He gave a history of the introduction of Presbyterianism into British Columbia fifty years ago, for this year is the jubilee of that event.

The second speaker was the Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. Young, who outlined his policy in relation to the provincial university, which the royal commission recommended to be built at Point Grey. He expects the building to be sufficiently advanced to have a name opened in 1912.

Professor Pidgeon proposed "Sister Institutions," which was responded to in a happy manner by Principals Robinson of McGill University, Prof. Vance of Bishop Latimer College, and Principal Sippell of Columbian College.

A number of ministers and business men made five-minute speeches, witty and humorous, bearing on the relation of Westminster Hall to church work and business.

Principal Mackay responded for the college. The principal is in the prime of life, tall, straight, agile. He is a man of fine personality, a fluent speaker, a theologian of no mean order, and has always an eye to what is for the advancement of Westminster Hall, which in three years he has brought to a marvellous degree of proficiency.

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