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Easter

Why seek you the living with the dead? He is not here but is risen. Christ risen triumphant on Easter morning, and many a zealous Christian, watching the sun rise, sees that it is dancing with joy that the Saviour has redeemed the world. We rejoice with great joy for on this day Christ has proven Himself God: the temple was destroyed and in three days He has built it up-more radiant and more beautiful than ever.

And yet there many who would rob Christ of His divinity, making Him a mere prophet, a great moral teacher. Christ raises Himself from the dead, and that is not enough for them. He proclaimed Himself God

and they are not satisfied.

For some, His message is not sufficient—other prophets are waited for, other moral teachers are sought, who will lead the people into the light. Christ is regarded as one in the great chain of teachers leading the world to a last clear and sufficient view of Truth. In this regard, popular moralists are acclaimed, not as the representatives of Christ nor the interpreters of His teachings, but as His successors—as more advanced redeemers.

And all this when Christ is risen, glorious and immortal from the dead,—the sign of our liberation, the

pledge of our redemption.

The Apostles, seeing Him are astonished—the eyes of even those intimate followers are closed to His identity. Some of His disciples tread the dusty road, mourning His death. Christ drawing near, goes with them; but they know Him not. Beginning with Moses and the prophets, He explains all the Scriptures that are concerning Himself. They recognize Him in the breaking of bread. "Was not," they exclaim "our hearts burning within us as He spoke in the way and opened to us all the scriptures?"

O, Jesus, make our hearts burn with love and grati-

tude not only at Easter but always. We hail Thee, Jesus, our God.

Adult Education on P. E. I.

The adult education movement in this Province is growing with unprecedented rapidity. Hundreds of study-clubs are at work all over the province, nine credit unions are in operation with many others in the process of formation, and a three months' winter programme of radio broadcasts is now under way. Looking back, we find it hard to believe that so much has been accomplished in so

short a time.

This movement began over a year ago as an attempt on the part of Saint Dunstan's to supply the people with the means of educating themselves and solving their own problems. Encouraged by success and realizing that the benefits and duties of this work must be extended to all classes, Dr. Murphy, Rector of Saint Dunstan's called together twenty representative persons of the Province, who met at Saint Dunstan's last May. The outcome of this meeting was the formation of a tentative Adult Education League of P. E. I.

Since its formation, the League has done great work. The executive committee is composed of men whose abilities in the field of education are unquestioned. J. T. Croteau, Ph. D., who had already been conducting lecture tours, and who had drawn up the terms of The Credit Union Legislation was appointed secretary. Dr. Croteau has been giving his time and brains to the work of the League, directing, encouraging and stimulating the people

in their study.

One of the important things the League did was to bring in expert lecturers on the various fields of adult education. Among these speakers we have: M. Harpelle of Garden City Press, Dr. Coady, President of the St. Francis Xavier Extension Department, Roy Bergengren, America's best authority on credit unions, Mr. Harold Molson, former M.P. of the British House of Commons, Mr. Bertram Fowler who is investigating Adult Education in Canada and, very recently, Rev. Nelson MacDonald, United Church Minister of Baddeck Forks, Cape Breton.

The purpose of all these lectures and radio talks is chiefly inspirational. It is their aim to arouse the people to the awareness of their needs and the advantages of taking part in this movement. They must educate themselves through their own study groups. Through the Carnegie Libraries, without which it would be impossible to carry on, material for study is obtained by the League and sent out to the study clubs throughout the province.

From their program for fall and winter study, we find that the clubs have a great range of subjects to choose from, material is available on subjects varying from fishermen's problems to home decoration. The radio program is so arranged that persons may hear lectures on any phase of the movement in which they may be interested. There are weekly talks on the co-operative movement, there are frequent lectures on literature and history by authorities on these subjects. For the benefit of the farmers, agricultural problems are discussed; and, for the benefit of the women, talks are given on art and home decoration.

All these services are voluntary, the spontaneous outcome of a spirit of co-operation. Time, labour and advice are given entirely free.

The work of the League is destined to be lasting be-

cause it is not hampered by political or religious affilitions. It is made up of representative persons of both political parties and of the various religious bodies of the province. Although it is supported by the Department of Agriculture and that of Education, it is not merged with either. On the occasion of Rev. Nelson MacDonald's lecture the Charlottetown Patriot made the following comment:

With Rev. Nelson MaDonald, a United Church Minister and former Reconstruction candidate, the guest speaker at last night's meeting in Prince of Wales College; with Rev. Dr. Murphy, Rector of St. Dunstan's University, chairman; with the Liberal ministers of Agriculture and Education and with Dr. W. J. P. Mac-Millan, Conservative leader, strongly supporting the adult education movement, it is quite evident that the movement is non-sectarian and non-political.

Everyone is looking forward to great work for next summer. More credit unions will be formed—the result of winter study; co-operative buying clubs will be in operation. The movement, in short, will meet with hitherto undreamed-of success because the people have risen in a body pledging themselves to its support.

His Holiness the Pope

The recent illness of the Holy Father has drawn the eyes of all the world to Rome. Catholics all over the world have expressed their love for this great man, and offered prayers to God for his recovery. For Pius XI is one of the greatest Popes of History—"The Pope of the Missions" he is called from his great zeal in promoting foreign missionary work.

The whole world has expressed concern for the welfare of a great lover of humanity, one who has expressed such tender regard for the poor, the working classes. In his great encyclical, "Quadragessimo Anno," on the reconstruction of the social order, he made his noble appeal for social justice, for genuine Christian charity. This encyclical is regarded as the most authoritative statement on the question of social reform; it has been studied and followed by many of the great statesmen of the world.

As a diplomat, he showed his ability in bringing the difficult Roman question to a peaceful and satisfactory conclusion. He insisted on the temporal power of the Pope; but his realm is diminutive. As he said himself, it is just like the body of Saint Francis—just enough body to retain his soul in union with it.

In such times as these, the world needs such a man.

May he still be spared to us.

National Student Peace Petition

On March 15th, a delegation representing the Canadian Universities presented a peace petition to the Dominion Government. This petition, bearing the signatures of thousands of students, requested briefly this:

(1) That the section of the Militia Act making it possible for Canadians to be conscripted for foreign service

by order-in-council be repealed.

(2) That legislation be enacted making it clear that only the Canadian Government has the authority to de-

clare war and peace for Canada.

At a special meeting of the Saint Dunstan's Student Council, this question called forth the liveliest discussion of the year. Its bearing on the question of Imperialism was warmly discussed pro and con. But it was made clear that the petition was a matter distinct from Imperialism, Anti-Imperialism and as such, it was supported by the majority of the students. They feel that if they are to aid in a war in defence of the Empire, they must do it voluntarily—they will not be conscripted. On the second part of the petition, the feeling is similar: If Canada is to aid in a war which involves Great Britain, she has the right, and therefore, should be given the power to decide the matter for herself.

The result of the voting showed that approximately four-fifths of the students of this institution had added

their names to the petition.



An idler is a watch that wants both hands; As useless if it goes as if it stands.

-Cowper.