

illustrated and confirmed by miracles, especially by the crowning miracles of all, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, and His ascension into heaven.

"I have been used," said Dr. Arnold to the Rugby students, "for many years to study the history of other times, and to examine and weigh the evidence of those who have written about them, and I know of no fact in the history of mankind which is proved by better and fuller evidence of every sort, to the understanding of a fair enquirer, than the great sign which God hath given us, that Christ died and rose again from the dead."¹

Jesus is risen from the dead, and ascended to heaven! This is the earnest of our Christian hopes. This is the pledge which God has given to us of the final glorification of all those to whom the Gospel comes, not "in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance."²

"Then, then, I rose; then first humanity
Triumphant passed the crystal ports of light,
(Stupendous guest!) and seized eternal youth,
Seized in our name."³

For, "if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, He that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall quicken also your mortal bodies through His Spirit that dwelleth in you."⁴

¹ Sermons on Christian Life, pages 13, 14.

² 1 Thess. i. 5.

³ Young's Night Thoughts, page 44. ⁴ Rom. viii. 11, Revised Version.