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The world again rejoices, for the joyous Easter has come. The Resurrection of our Lord may well be called the keystone of that immortal edifice, the Church, which for nigh two thousand years has stood, unmoved by the storms of the world, alone and grand amid the ruins of empires. This triumph of our Lord over death, rising on the third day as He had foretold, put the seal of infallible confirmation on His teachings, and invincibly proved Him the author of life. Assuming the impossible hypothesis that His prediction should not have been fulfilled, then the work of His thirty-three years on earth would have been undone ; but the happy consummation of the last act in the tragic work of our redemption is to our faith a guarantee that they who bear His cross shall rise again, glorious and immortal.

It is particularly fitting that this, the happiest festival of