

# THE RESURRECTION.

## An Easter Sermon.

"Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is not here : he is risen."—Mark 1 : 6.

"If ye, then, be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above."—Colossians, 3 : 1.

"The real truth in Resurrection  
Is not dead matter newly born,  
But life arising toward perfection,  
New hope, new peace, new love upspringing,  
New consecration in each life."

Easter is a particularly appropriate time to study the subject of the Resurrection of Jesus, because it is the day so widely observed as commemorative of that Resurrection.

Many persons believe that the physical resurrection of Jesus, or the resurrection of his body from the tomb, is not only true, but that it is of the greatest possible importance to religion ; that it is our chief assurance of the immortality of the soul ; that it is the central proof of the truth of Christianity ; that if it were shown that the body of Jesus did not rise from the dead, there would be little or no reason for believing that man will live again ; and Christianity would be overthrown.

Let me say plainly, at the beginning, that for one, I do not believe anything of this kind. Unitarians and Liberal Christians generally do not. Indeed, a very large and fast growing number of the most thoughtful, intelligent and devout minds in all Christian churches, as well as outside of all, do not believe anything of this kind. We believe that the question of the raising to life of a physical body has no connection with immortality. The two are on wholly different planes. They have to do with wholly different realms of exist-