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THE LESSON OF EASTER.

WE need not wait for Easter in the calendar to find the lesson of Easter. It is for all days. Every Lord's day is really an Easter, for it was on the first day of the week that Jesus arose, and it is the fact of His resurrection that makes our first day sacred. But we do not need to wait even for Sunday to bring us the Easter blessing. Easter is not so much a radiant date as a glorious fact.

Perhaps we do not always realize Easter's spiritual meaning and its supreme importance. If Jesus had not risen, there would have been no Gospel, no Christianity, no hope of redemption for any one. Over His grave history could have written only the despairing word, "Defeat." "If Christ be not raised, then is our preaching vain, your faith is also vain Ye are yet in your sins." But Christ has been raised. A broken grave is as truly one of the symbols of our hope as is the cross.

Easter assures us, therefore, of the great victory of Christ over death. The Messiah was rejected and put to death, but God's purpose of love for the world could not thus be defeated.

The slain Messiah was raised up again, and lives and carries on His work of redemption.

This is the meaning of Easter. It is the day of hope and victory. While it has a definite place in the calendar, its brightness streams over all the year. It weaves its threads of light into all human relationships. It changes sorrow into joy wherever Christ is loved and trusted. It makes all life infinitely more worth while, since it adds the element of immortality to everything that is tender and beautiful in love and friendship. We look through the rift in Christ's tomb as through a window, and see life going on forever.—*Rev. J. R. Miller, D.D.*

Members of the Eastern W. F. M. S. will take notice that the Prayer Cycle which has been printed monthly in the LINK will hereafter be only quarterly. Mrs. Ayer requests those who have the March number to keep it till the next is printed.

INDIRECT BENEFITS OF MISSIONS.

Missionaries to a barbarous people deserve a vote of thanks from the commercial world.—*Robert Moffat.*

Few are aware how much we owe the missionaries. We must look to them not a little for aid in our efforts to advance further science.—*Louis Agassiz.*

Foreign missions are not only foreign missions; they are home missions; purifying the home life with that larger conception of charity, redeeming the home life with that worthier conception of Christ, which they teach and give.—*David H. Greer.*

As the commercial and even the political life of modern nations depends upon the extent and persistency of their foreign trade, so does the life and prosperity of the home church depend upon the extent and energy with which she prosecutes her foreign missionary enterprise.—*George F. Pentecost.*

A NOVEL way of spreading the Gospel message is carried on in Arequipa, Peru, by pasting tracts and religious literature over the city. The work is done at night by three young men, one carries the paste pot, another pastes the bills and the third gives the finishing touches. In this way the whole city comes under the influence of Gospel truth.

THE death of Dr. Paton, missionary to the New Hebrides, at the age of eighty-two years at Melbourne, Australia, has removed to higher service one of the most successful and honored servants of God. The sketch of his life given in this LINK, will be read with interest. A more comprehensive history of his life can be had from The Bureau of Literature, also "Missions in the Island Sea," the latest work in the United Study of Missions.