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## THE WORLD'S EASTER HOPE

The importance of the fact of the bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ cannot be overstated, nor even overestimated. It is of equal value in the true faith with the fact of the incarnation. Denial of the resurrection leads eventually to a denial of a true incarnation. What was only a dim but growing belief and expectation in the earlier pre-Christian centuries, grew clearer in the later prophetic utterances, and reached a glorious climax of realization in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. His experience of death was the common experience of men. His rising was the uncommon experience, but His rising into higher resurrection life that distinguishes the immortal from the mortal, was the first full blown flower on the world's tree of hope. It was the first demonstration of bodily resurrection that confirmed the world's long cherished hope of another life.

In place of confirming belief in a mere existence of the spirit in the death period, Christ's rising on the third morning was the undoing or abolishing of death. It was the end of the death period for Him, and it was the beginning, the demonstration and assurance of that glorious life and assurance of that glorious life that humanity in all ages has hoped for. But the resurrection of Christ was not only the assurance of a future and resurrection life for men; it also demonstrated the character or reality of that life. It was a demonstration on one hand that left a rifled, vacant tomb, and showed on the other, a man who re-lived after being dead, and furnished numerous proofs of His substantial reality. Jesus Himself bore testimony against the theory of a mere reappearance in spirit. He denied such a theory, and affirmed an existence and life in the body that could be adequately expressed only by use of absolutely material terms. "A spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have." With these unmistakable terms, and with a close contact with the disciples, He left no opportunity for missing the real lesson. There need be no apology for our gladness in connection with the Easter season. It is a very fitting occasion for flowers, for the song of birds, for the happiness of children, and for the spring awakening of all nature. It is our way of



THE FIRST EASTER

### DEPRECATES USE OF AFRICAN TROOPS

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart, Harvard professor and noted historian, in an address on "The Gentle Art of War," before the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, deprecated the use of Senegalese troops by France in her army.

saying that the joyous certainty of a blessed and real resurrection life, as demonstrated by the resurrection of Christ, is ten thousand times better than the old world's hope and fear of a mere spirit existence beyond death in an underworld of dark dust-begrimed shades. As superior as is the snow-white lily to the mud from which it springs, still greater is the resurrection hope in Christ to the dim and uncertain expectation that had been springing in the minds of men. May we in conclusion exclaim in the words of the great apostle. "Thanks be unto God which giveth is the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ." The hope of the world is Jesus. F. O. STEWART.

### Alpha Phi Alpha Plans to Reach Five Million Persons

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Washington, D.C., April—"Go to High School, go to College week" pronounced by leading educators as the most forward-looking movement ever inaugurated by a group of college students will be observed this year throughout the United States during the week of May 4-11, inclusive, by the 50 odd chapters of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. This year marks the fifth annual conduct of this great nation-wide education campaign to encourage Negro youths to continue their education. During the year 1923 more than three million parents and students were reached through circulation of literature, the display of placards, through the press, and the holding of meetings by the chapters and members of the Fraternity in the various sections of the United States.

## COLORED MINISTER STARS IN DRAMA

(By The Associated Negro Press)

On April 7th, afternoon and evening performances were given of Eleanor Wood Whitman's five-act drama, "Jeremiah," at Tremont Temple, by the Greater Boston Federation of Churches.

Sixteen ministers assumed principal parts; or ninety per cent. of the speaking parts were taken by them. Denominations represented in the cast were Methodists, Episcopalians, Baptists, Unitarians, Congregationalists, Swedenborgians, Presbyterians, Jews, Universalists and Quakers.

Rev. E. E. Thompson, pastor of the Massachusetts Ave., Baptist Cambridge, took the part of Ebed-Melech, the Ethiopian eunuch, who influences King Zebekiah to transfer Jeremiah from the miry dungeon, where he had been left to die, to the prison court-yard, and who later receives, through the prophet Jeremiah, God's promise of deliverance from the Babylonians, because of his faith, and of his fealty to Jehovah. Ebed was one of the principal characters portrayed; and Rev. Thompson acted the part with understanding and dignity; and his work has been most favorably commented upon.

## Negro Architect In Foreground

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Toledo, O., April—The Reveron Construction Company, with James Bibbs as president, has been organized by the Negroes of this city.

The Superintendent of architecture and chief engineer is A. Reveron Felicano.

Mr. Felicano was formerly with the Bently Company of this city, one of the largest in the United States, as estimator and designer. He has drawn plans for many of the largest office buildings in Toledo. In competition for plans for the new palace at Montevideo, Uruguay, he is one of the five architects from the United States who have entered. He is one of the two holders of the degree of master of architecture in the city of Toledo.

The Reveron Construction Company will specialize in the financing and construction of homes.