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## EASTER DAY.

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## The Outlook

### The Wondrous Cross

On Lone Mountain, around whose base cluster the cemeteries of San Francisco, was formerly a tall, white Cross. After some years it was destroyed by a wind storm. The sailors who were accustomed to enter Golden Gate Harbour had it replaced at their own expense. They wished to see the welcome and familiar sign and could not bear its absence. What a beautiful testimony this is to that which is specially brought before us at this time of the Christian Year! The heart of the Gospel is in the Death of our Lord, and Good Friday is coming once again with its inspiring truth of the Atoning Sacrifice. It is recorded that Lord Tennyson once asked an old woman what was the news. She replied, "Jesus Christ died for sinners." Then said Tennyson, "That is old news, and new news, and good news."

### The Mother of Our Lord

The recent occurrence of the Festival of the Annunciation has called renewed attention to the long line of types and prophecies of the Incarnation, reaching from the first promise of redemption in Gen. iii. 15. This chapter is the First Lesson on March 25th, and the Church plainly intends us to link our Lord's Incarnation with the wonderful promise made to our first parents when they fell. The first half of the 15th verse tells of the "enmity" between the serpent's seed and the woman's seed, while the second half speaks of the actual "conflict" between them. "It shall bruise thy (the serpent's) head." Who, or what is meant by "it"? Who will tread the dragon under foot (Psa. xci. 13)? "The God of peace shall bruise (or tread) Satan under your feet shortly," wrote St. Paul (Rom. xvi. 20). "The Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil," wrote

St. John (1 John iii. 8). The Septuagint uses a neuter noun for "seed," but employs a masculine pronoun ("He") where our Version reads "It," and so shows that the Hebrews then applied this prophecy to "Christ." So (says Bishop Wordsworth) the old editions of the Vulgate had the masculine pronoun (ipse). Wordsworth quotes Irenæus, Cyprian, and Pope Leo I. as applying this prophecy to Christ, but the modern Church of Rome, in her Latin Bible, uses the feminine pronoun (ipsa) and applies it to the Blessed Virgin; and Pope Pius IX. builds, on this modern reading, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Lord's Mother. This obvious clash between an early and a late Pope, on the subject of the first promise of redemption, and the revealed certainty that the devil was in St. Peter after his great confession (Mark viii. 33) discredit Papal infallibility and all the high-sounding claims built upon it, and they show that the modern Church of Rome, by an unwarranted reading, is not only corrupting the Creed of the Church, but is committing the grave error of making the Blessed Virgin a rival to her Divine Son.

### A Fine Temperance Testimony

The South Polar Expedition now being arranged by Sir Ernest Shackleton is said to be the biggest undertaking ever attempted in that direction. The purpose is to travel overland nearly two thousand miles. One steamer will land the party on one side of the Continent, and the other will meet them at the farther side. The men chosen are between 25 and 40 years of age, and there is to be a working day of one hour's preparation, four hours of marching, one hour of rest, and again a four hours' march. It is obvious that under the severe conditions of the Antarctic region strong men and proper food will be required, and one of the most significant features is that there will be no beverage stronger than tea or cocoa. Alcohol is not to be allowed. This has, of course, been done on former occasions, but it is said to be particularly worthy of note that British explorers have come to the same conclusion that explorers of other nations have reached, that alcohol is not good for cold weather and hard work. This is in entire harmony with all that is known from medical science of the utter powerlessness of alcohol to give warmth and strength to the body. We are glad of this fresh witness to a fact that needs constant emphasis and frequent iteration. It shows that one after another of the supposed scientific arguments for alcohol are baseless; indeed, we have almost arrived at the only real explanation of the use of intoxicating drinks, namely, that people like them.

### The Athanasian Creed

Controversy has again broken out in England over the use of the Athanasian Creed. In the Canterbury Convocation the Bishop of London suggested that by means of a new translation and the use of the Creed on one Sunday only in the year, Trinity Sunday, most of the difficulties could be removed. Dr. Ingram said that the first verse should be understood as follows: "Which faith when you have once got it must be kept unstained and unimpaired by moral guilt, or you will be committing a deadly sin unless you repent and turn from your sin." It is hardly surprising that the Bishop of Oxford, Dr. Gore, replied that this explanation was "ludicrous," and that "he had always felt that he had no answer to the people who said that when they repeated the second clause of the Creed they were saying something with their lips which

they did not accept in their minds." In addition to this, one of the Cambridge Professors, Dr. Barnes, has written a strong letter, charging the Bishops with "opportunism," and "paltering with truth." And so the controversy goes on. It certainly does seem difficult to understand how the repetition once a year is essentially different from the repetition thirteen times, and it is generally understood that a new translation would be an utter waste of time, since the Prayer Book Version conveys quite accurately the meaning of the original. It is hardly possible to doubt that whoever wrote the Creed said exactly what he meant and meant exactly what he said. The High Church Bishop of Chester, Dr. Jayne, writes to the "Times" in very plain terms of "the intolerable burden" of the present Rubric, and he gives an account of what the York Convocation has proposed, namely, that a real relief should be given, and that it should be given with as much consideration as possible for the consciences of those who value public recitation of the Creed. Churchmen in Canada will watch with interest the further developments of this discussion, because it has an important bearing on our own position. It would seem, however, that the Canadian plan is, on the whole, the best, for by commencing the Communion Service on Trinity Sunday, or any of the other occasions, after the third Canticle the Athanasian Creed is avoided in Churches where the repetition is deemed inadvisable.

### American Church Statistics

The annual statistics of the American Churches, compiled by Dr. H. K. Carroll, have just been made public. They show that the gains of 1913 are considerably larger than those for 1912, both in communicants and church attendants. The net increase in churches is 2,032, in ministers 1,841, in communicants 655,908. The grand totals are: Ministers 175,637; churches, 223,294; communicants, 37,280,370. The largest denominations are: Roman Catholic, with a membership of 13,000,000; Methodist Episcopal, with 3,415,000; Southern Baptists, 2,471,000; Methodist Episcopal (South), 1,996,000; Baptist (coloured), 1,946,000; Presbyterian (Northern), 1,402,000; Disciples of Christ, 1,362,000; Baptists (North), 1,176,000. Then follow the Protestant Episcopal (986,000), the Lutheran Synodical Conference (831,120), Congregationalists (831,120). The Friends number 100,000; Jews, 143,000; Christian Scientists, 85,000; Moravians, 20,000; Salvation Army, 27,000; Unitarians, 70,000. The Churches with the greatest increase of communicants are the Methodists, Roman Catholics, Baptists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, and the Disciples of Christ. These figures will enable Canadian Churchmen to compare the state of religious Communions in Canada with that of those in the States.

### The Result of Competition

As the effect of the pressure of competition by the Parcel Post, the United States Express Company is going into liquidation. Reports of business during recent months show an enormous decline in comparison with corresponding months a year ago, and it is said that the small surplus that existed on December 1st last year had by the close of February been converted into a large deficit. In order to preserve its assets the stock-holders have decided to dissolve the Company and wind up its affairs after sixty years of continuous operation. The concern has 15,000 employees