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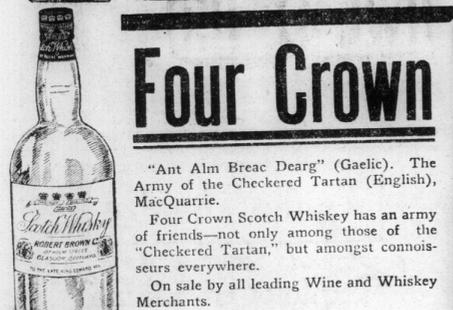
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"IF CHRIST BE NOT RISEN", REV. L. BROWN PREACHES THIRD SERMON ON SUBJECT OF IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL

Shows the Significance of the Very Doubt of the Resurrection—Man Requires a Hope of Immortality, as He Cannot Bear to Think of Annihilation.

Rev. Llewellyn Brown preached his third sermon on "Immortality," on Sunday to a large congregation, dealing with the "Resurrection of Christ."

"IF CHRIST BE NOT RISEN," "What Comes of a Dead Christ?" I Cor. 15: 14: "If Christ be not risen."

Paul suggests in this passage the awful possibility of Christ not rising from the dead, even as Jesus on one occasion suggests the awful possibility of his not having come into the world saying, "If I had not come..."

A DEAD CHRIST

If Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain and our faith is also vain. That is what comes of a dead Christ—no gospel to preach, no authoritative word of God to rest upon, no hope of immortality to cherish for our friends who have passed on before us; no heaven to cheer us—that is, what comes of a dead Christ.

Death is strong, but life is stronger. Stronger than the dark of the night, stronger than the wrong of the right, Faith and hope triumphant say, "Christ must rise on Easter morn."

CHRIST AND IMMORTALITY

Paul in another passage tells us that Christ brought life and immortality to light in the gospel. Paul evidently meant by that statement that Christ so emphasized immortality, shed so much new light upon it, called so much new attention to it, made such fresh contribution to it that it came to men as a new truth. Just as Edison brought light to light, just as Bell brought the telephone to light, just as Marconi brought the wireless telegraph to light, just as Stephenson brought the locomotive to light, just as Columbus brought America to light, so Christ brought immortality to light. Men had believed in it before, had seen it as we might see it before, had seen it as we might see it before, but Christ so clarified our vision of it, so dissipated the mists that had surrounded it for centuries, and so clearly demonstrated it in his own glorious resurrection, that now what was as a star glimmering through the mist to the men who lived before him, became as a sun shining in the sky to us, who have received the blessed light that he has shed upon it, a burning glorious sun, shining in its strength in whose light we rejoice, yea and will rejoice.

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Science takes knowledge only of phenomena it can perceive by the senses. Experiment and observation are its avenues of approach. It takes no account whatever of revelation. If the resurrection goes the supernatural goes. If the resurrection remains the supernatural stands. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is one of the best attested facts in all history. It is attested by trustworthy witnesses, by the convincing evidence in hand and by the unaccountable influence of this truth all down through the Christian centuries.

OLD TESTAMENT IDEAS

Read the Old Testament and you will find the ideas of the future life there recorded quite unsatisfactory. Whole books make scarcely any mention of it. There is, indeed, some comfort to be found there, but very little compared with what the Hebrews pictured in Sheol, the abode of the dead as a cavern deep down in the earth—a land of silence and of gloom. Job in speaking of the dead says: "My soul is in Sheol, and another writes: 'My soul is full of trouble, like those in Sheol whom Thou rememberest not.'"

PRIMITIVE IDEAS

"Primitive ideas of the race are the more disappointing. It would appear that the first intimations that men had of immortality came to them through dreams. The only distinction that primitive man drew between what went away from him in a dream, his other self as he called it, went away from him as death would almost exterminate in order that they might accompany their master into the next life and there wait upon him. Ideas away and added to what light the Hebrews had of the future life, and so revolutionary was his teaching that Paul regarded it as a bringing to light of immortality.

MAN'S THIRST FOR IMMORTALITY

I need not tell you that man has a thirst for immortality. We shudder at the very thought of annihilation. To die, to be no more, is something we cannot bear to think upon. The very thought of losing ourselves, of becoming partner with unconscious matter, of returning to dust and being no more this is something no human can cherish without pain. We cannot bear the thought of it. For the mind of man there is no rest apart from the hope of immortality. This is true of the most diverse races. The Jew had his Hades and the Greek had his Orcus. Even the wild Indian that roamed these very plains had his Happy Hunting Ground which he hoped to pass after death.

TENNYSON'S VIEW

"Strong Son of God immortal Love, Whom we that have not seen thy face, By faith and faith alone embrace, Believing where we cannot prove." "Thou wilt not leave us is the dust Thou madest man he knows not why, He thinks he was not made to die, And Thou hast made him, Thou art just."

Yes, he thinks he was not made to die. That is the thought of men universal and in all ages of time. Surely God has entered into our hearts.

ASTRONOMY'S LESSON

On one occasion a certain astronomer while studying the movements of a certain planet could not help observing that it seemed to be influenced in its course by an unseen body. By the use of a more powerful telescope he discovered another planet which was drawing this planet towards it. What intuition felt the telescope revealed, and so there is an instinct in man that repudiates the thought of extinction and this is the sure prophecy that there is another world, another life and that death is not the end. We can rest assured that God will not plant that longing after immortality in our hearts after meeting that desire.

EMPTY

"If Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain and our faith is also vain. If Christ be not risen then the Gospel is emptied of its spiritual content. There is nothing in it but an idle tale. A dead Christ means an empty, lifeless, bloodless, soulless gospel while a living Christ means a gospel of hope and comfort and power because it is founded upon an incontestable fact, a truth that cannot be shaken.

THE SUPERNATURAL

If the Resurrection goes then the supernatural goes with it while if the resurrection stands, the miraculous goes with it. Many voices to-day rise in protest against the miraculous, the miraculous con-

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ception and birth of Christ, the miraculous resurrection and ascension of Christ.

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(From Our Own Correspondent) Mr. All Harrison spent the Easter holiday at Galt. Miss King is spending vacation week at Burch. The young people's meeting this week is in charge of the Missionary department and will be held in the Methodist church, Thursday evening.

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