

A Meditation for Easter Day.

"Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by Man came also the Resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."—1, Cor. xv. 20-22.

Yes ! "This is the Day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it"; for this is the Day of victory, the Day of triumph over death. Now, therefore, O my ever-precious Saviour, now that Thou hast offered Thyself up to be a full, perfect, and sufficient Sacrifice for my sins, now that Thy scarred Body has been laid with reverence in the rock-hewn tomb, while Thy sacred Soul has gone to make proclamation in the Paradise of God, help me to realise and lay hold of the source of victory, help me to see Thee risen from the dead.

Ah ! even in death, O Blessed Jesu, Thou art Divine. Even in death Thy Divinity is indissolubly united with Thy sacred Body and with Thy human Soul. And, therefore, death cannot hold Thee, death cannot possibly have any dominion over Thee. And, consequently, as Thou hast freely given up and laid down Thy precious life, so dost Thou, by Thine own power and by the very necessity of Thy sacred Being, take Thy life again, and in Thy glorious Resurrection on this holy, happy Day overcome Death, as Man, for all mankind.

Yes ! In Thee, O Blessed Jesu, man died, and in Thee mankind rose again from the dead in such way that into all, who are, after Thine own manner, united unto Thee, there is sown, O my Saviour, a deep, mysterious principle or power, so that we too may die, yet we shall live on in the Paradise of God until, at length, at the voice of the Archangel, we shall receive again our bodies changed and glorified, and shall thenceforward reign for ever and ever in the Heaven of Heavens.

Thus, O Blessed Lord and Saviour, Thou art indeed the Firstfruits of those who sleep ; and thus, as by man came

death, by Man came also the Resurrection of the dead. For, as in Adam all die, as in Adam death passed upon all men, even so in Thee are life and immortality brought to light, and life, eternal life, is obtained for, signed and sealed unto all Thy spiritual children.

Thus, therefore, O Blessed Jesu, clinging unto Thee, I am able by Thy mercy and help to look forward with certainty to my own glorious change. Yea, I trust that now and henceforth I may die daily unto sin, and rise daily with Thee unto newness of life, so that I may live with Thee in the glory of Thy Resurrection, and seek those things which are above, where Thou sittest on the right hand of God.

Grant this, O Heavenly Father, by the presence and the power of Thy Holy Spirit, for Christ, my Saviour's sake. Amen. A. H. Q.

CONFIRMATION.

GODFATHERS AND GODMOTHERS.

Rubric at the end of the Church Catechism: *Everyone shall have a Godfather or a Godmother, as a witness of their Confirmation.*

Here is a Rubric which is almost entirely neglected, because it is absolutely and entirely misunderstood. For it is an undeniable fact that we have all come to imagine that this Rubric demands that the Godfather or Godmother, who is expected to be present as a witness at Confirmation, shall be one of the Sponsors, present, years ago probably, at the Candidate's Baptism. This very naturally has generally proved to be impracticable and the consequence has been that the Rubric has been neglected and indeed almost entirely forgotten.

But curiously we are in a position to prove that the Church by this Rubric expects the attendance at Confirmation, not of any of the Baptismal