

## Religious Forum

### Thomas and Jesus

There is nothing more remarkable about the narrative of the resurrection, taken as a whole, than the completeness with which our Lord's appearance met all varieties of temperament, condition and spiritual standing. Mary, the lover; Peter, the penitent; the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, the thinkers; Thomas, the stiff unbeliever.—the presence of the Christ is enough for them all; it cures those that need cure, and gladdens those that need gladdening. The story of Thomas and how Christ dealt with him is well known.—His absence from Christ's first meeting with the assembled disciples on Easter evening; the dogged disbelief with which he met their testimony; his arrogant assumption of the right to lay down the conditions on which he should believe, and Christ's gracious acceptance of the conditions; the discovery, when they were offered, that they were not needful; the burst of glad conviction which lifted him to the loftiest height reached while Christ was on earth, and then the summing up of all in our Lord's words.—"Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed."

"Thomas, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came." No reason is assigned. The absence may have been purely accidental, but the specification of Thomas as 'one of the Twelve' seems to suggest that his absence was regarded by the Evangelist as a dereliction of Apostolic duty; and the cause of it may be found, I think, with reasonable probability, if we take into account the two other facts that the same Evangelist records concerning this Apostle. One is his exclamation, in which a constitutional tendency to accept the blackest possibilities as certainties, blends very strangely and beautifully with an intense and brave devotion to his Master. A few days before His passion, when Jesus and his disciples were in Perea, the Lord had said, "Let us go into Judaea again." Thomas, speaking to his fellow disciples, said: "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." As though he had said "He is going to His death, that I am sure of, and I am going to be beside Him even in His death."—A constitutional pessimist. The only other notice that we have of him, is that he broke in with a brusque contradiction of Christ at the supper table. Jesus had said, "Whither I go ye know and the way ye know." Thomas replied, "Lord, we know not whether thou goest", (there spoke painted love fronting the black prospect of eternal separation) "and how can we know the way." (There spoke almost impatient despair).

It is not that the kind of man who on the Resurrection day would have been saying to himself, even more decidedly and more bitterly than the two questioning thinkers on the way to Emmaus had said, it, "We trusted that this had been He, but it is all over now." Thomas did the very worst thing a melancholy man can do, went away to brood in a corner by himself, and so exaggerate his idiosyncrasies, to hug his despair, by separating himself from his fellows. Therefore he lost what they got, the sight of the Lord. "Thomas was not with them when Jesus came."

May we not learn a lesson. I venture to apply these words to our gatherings for worship. The worst thing a man can do when disbelief, or doubt, or coldness shrouds his sky, and blots out the stars, is to go away alone and shut himself up with his own, perhaps morbid, or at all events, disturbing thoughts. The best thing that he can do is to go among his fellows. If the sermon does not do him any good, the prayers and the praises and the sense of brotherhood will help him. Not always is solitude the best medicine for the disturbed or saddened soul. If you cut yourself off from the society of your fellows, you will become what they call eccentric, and you will be more likely to miss the Christ than if you were kindly with your kind, and went up to the house of God in company.—(Condensed from Dr. Alex. Maclaren. m1)

## TRAVERSTON

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Allen and two children of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Jackson of Glamis, Mrs. W. J. Allan, Misses Catherine and Evelyn of Chesley were Easter guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lawrence, Miss Anna and Master Keith of Egremont visited on Sunday with Mrs. M. Davis, when she celebrated her 88th birthday. Mrs. Davis is hale and hearty and has spent several days in the sugar bush this season. We wish her many returns of her natal day.

Mrs. G. E. Peart came to the home of her son, Emerson, on Sunday and will remain a fortnight. Miss Elvie Hastie returned home the same day after spending the past two months with Mrs. Peart at Rob's home near Durham. Rob accompanied them home and spent the first of the week with his brothers.

Mr. Phillip Dunbar, accompanied by Misses Frances McDonald and Margaret Dunbar of Toronto spent Easter at the Dunbar home.

Mr. R. T. Cook motored to Toronto on Good Friday, returning on Sunday accompanied by his wife, who spent the past few weeks with relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McClocklin visited on Monday and Tuesday with the Twamley and Campbell families in Bentinck.

Messrs. W. H. Edwards of Toronto and T. I. Edwards of Shelburne spent Easter at the parental home.

The Zion Women's Institute met on April 9th at the home of Mrs. J. J. Peart with thirty ladies and five children in attendance. Mrs. Allen, the president, was in the chair and after the usual opening Mrs. A. Anderson read an interesting paper on "Canadian Women of Note and Why Famous". Mrs. A. E. McNally had a splendid reading on "Martha hands and a Mary mind". There were several short readings on Easter and Temperance. Mrs. Art. McNally and daughter, Leona, contributed some fine musical selections on organ and violin. The roll call was answered by an exchange of flower slips or seeds. The collection was \$2.05. The hostess and assistants served a tasty luncheon.

Mrs. Will Timmins is back to her home on the 6th concession after spending the winter months in Durham.

Mrs. R. T. Edwards received the news last week announcing the death of her brother-in-law, Mr. Frank Tufts of Fontana, Calif. Pneumonia was the cause of his death. Interment took place in Fontana.

We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cook on the arrival of a son, Allan Edwin, on Good Friday in Kitchener. Grandma Cook has fifteen grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Morlock and two children of Durham spent Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tuck and children, Miss Bessie Beaton and friend of Toronto spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Beaton.

## EUPHRASIA COUNCIL

Euphrasia Council met at the Township Hall on Friday, April 1st, with all of the members present and the Reeve in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Communications were then read. Parker - Pottage—That the Reeve and Clerk be a committee to search the Registry Office re equalizing County assessment.—Carried.

Carruthers - Miller—That the Clerk advertise for tenders to run the stone crusher, tenderer to supply engine, two men, team, wagon, tank wagon, wood, oil and cup grease; tenders received up to 12 o'clock on May 1st for actual time crushing.—Carried.

Pottage - Parker—That the following taxes be discharged from the defaulters' list by the County Treasurer as said taxes have since been paid to Collector: north-east quarter lot 13, con. 4, \$11.63; east half lot 7, and north-east quarter lot 6, con. 10, \$95.41; east half lot 19, con. 5, \$77.86.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid: Pay Sheet No. 9 for \$12.63 and No. 10 for \$12.65.

Parker - Pottage—That the Council adjourn until May 1st.—Carried. N. L. Curry, Clerk

## BEAVERDALE

Mr. and Mrs. Sam. Caswell of Walters Falls are spending Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Carman Caswell.

Easter service was held in Beaverdale Church with Rev. W. Perry in charge. The next service will be on April 26th at 9.30 a.m. and Sunday School after the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rolt of Cherry Grove visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. Merrifield on Easter Sunday. Mr. Geo. Merrifield jr. also spent Easter at his parental home.

We understand Mr. Victor Butler has taken up residence with Mr. John Miller. We are sorry to lose Vic. from our neighborhood but we trust he may often call on his old and many friends in Beaverdale.

The heartfelt sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. Carman Caswell in the loss of his father.

## Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Boyce, Maxwell, Ont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Clara, to Mr. Clarence E. Londry, eldest son of Mr. Reginald Londry, Maxwell, Ont. The marriage will take place early in May.

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