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**Easter And April**

Nature revives again and begins in April. That is why Browning wished so much to be in England when April came round. He longed to see the wondrous miracle of Nature beginning again. The analogy from Nature is one of the considerations that make faith in Resurrection and another life not only credible but almost inevitable.

It is hard to disbelieve in Resurrection when we see the miracle taking place before our eyes. For what is the springtime but a yearly Resurrection? We are seeing at this moment a Nature that seemed dead coming to life again. We are seeing the flowers come out of their beds at the kiss of the sun. We are seeing the trees, stripped and bare throughout the winter, putting forth their buds and tender leaves.

Resurrection is the message of Springtime. God allows us to see the miracle of resurrection, life following death, every year. That is the parable of the Resurrection which April teaches us.

**IF EASTER BE NOT TRUE**  
If Easter be not true,  
Then all the lilies low must lie;  
The Flanders poppies fade and die;  
The spring must lose her fairest bloom  
For Christ were still within the tomb —  
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,  
Then faith must mount on broken wing;  
Then hope no more immortal spring;  
Then hope must lose her mighty urge;  
Life prove a phantom, death a dirge —  
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,  
'Twere foolishness the cross to bear;  
He died in vain who suffered there;  
What matter though we laugh or cry,  
Be good or evil, live or die,  
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true —  
But it is true, and Christ is risen!  
And mortal spirit from its prison  
Of sin and death with Him may rise!  
Worthwhile the struggle, sure the prize,  
Since Easter, ay, is true.

**Governor General Endorses Cancer Campaign**

In a statement released from Government House in Ottawa, His Excellency, The Right Honourable Vincent Massey, has endorsed the nation-wide cancer campaign which began April 1.

The Governor General stated that "During the month of April Canadians will again have the opportunity to show that they still believe in working together in the face of a common threat." Briefly outlining the Cancer Society's three-fold programme of research, public education and welfare, he emphasized the fact that all the Society's funds come from voluntary donations and urged Canadians to "give whole-hearted support to its appeal."

The Cancer Society's objective this year is \$1,805,000, an increase of \$296,500 over the 1954 objective. The increase is partly due to an increase in Canadian population and to the fact that more money is required for fundamental research into the cause of cancer. Richmond Hill and District Unit's objective this year has been set at \$6,000.

Through the National Cancer Institute of Canada and through the provincial divisions the Cancer Society supports more than 75 cancer research programmes in universities, hospitals and research centres across the country. About one-third of the Society's budget goes for this purpose. R. B. Buckenfield of Vancouver, national president of the Society, states that "Cancer research is the greatest challenge

to our scientists. In its own interest the public dare not permit any worthwhile project to be hampered by lack of funds.

The Governor General's message pointed out that the Cancer Society carries on its work of lay education and welfare through thousands of volunteers working in units in cities, towns and rural communities across the country.

The purpose of the education program is to save lives by informing individuals about the symptoms of cancer and persuading them of the importance of early treatment. Last year the Society spent over \$276,000 to provide volunteers with films, pamphlets, displays and other materials to promote an "informed practical attitude" towards cancer.

The welfare programme, too, utilizes the services of thousands of men and women volunteers. Cancer dressings and other sick-room supplies are provided for cancer patients. Assistance is given with transportation and living problems for patients taking treatments. Occupational and recreational therapy and home nursing are other problems which the Society helps to solve.

Any person wishing to give a donation make cheque payable to Canadian Cancer Society, and address donation to Richmond Hill and District Unit, Canadian Cancer Society, Box 106, Richmond Hill.

**In The Garden**

I walked within a shaded glade,  
And found a sweet and rare content  
Amid the trees, some tall and straight,  
And others that were gnarled and bent.

I heard and watched the rustling leaves,  
And caught the sight of swaying boughs;  
They told me things I've kept within,  
But feel that I must tell them now.

Yon stately tree that stands apart;  
Its leaves, a shield from sun and rain;  
Once had a Man kneel at her feet,  
And pray a prayer of conquered pain.

"Yes, birds were nesting in my boughs,  
And sang their songs so glad and gay,  
I wonder, did they ease for Him  
The burden of Gethsemane?

Forgive me, if I seem aloof,  
I keep on thinking of that day;  
I still see that transfigured look;  
As Christ the Lord knelt here to pray.

At yonder tree He paused awhile,  
And bade His friends a vigil keep;  
But when He turned to them from prayer,  
He found them, yes, the three, asleep."

I went and stood beneath its shade,  
Was carried down the lane of years;  
I understood their need of sleep,  
And understood the more, their tears.

"As I recall, my branches swayed —  
The rustling leaves sang lullabies,  
As they, His trusted friends, lay down  
And rested here with happy sighs.

Ah yes, I heard the singing birds  
Upon my branches as they swayed,  
No joy for me — those sleeping men,  
As yonder, Christ, their Master, prayed.

I too must ever feel a share,  
In those disciples' sense of shame;  
The look I saw in Jesus' eyes,  
Was one of holy love, not blame."

I felt too moved for further talk;  
So made to leave the wooded glade;  
When all at once, I saw a tree alone,  
And gnarled and lost in shade.

It seemed as if it sought to hide  
Itself, amid the trees nearby,  
My path lay near enough to hear  
Heart-rending sobs as I drew nigh.

"My happiness was so complete,  
Until men made me play a part;  
I almost hesitate to tell  
The story of my broken heart.

I saw the company draw nigh,  
I watched the sleepers tarry there,  
I looked upon the face of Christ,  
As He did agonize in prayer.

They had not chosen me 'tis true,  
Beneath my spreading boughs to sleep,  
Nor yet an altar make of me,  
Where He a noble trust would keep.

I heard the rush of hasty men  
Who feared their plans might go amiss,  
And one came forth, and called  
Christ "Friend?" His signal, God forbid, a kiss.

They took Him from this leafy spot,  
The birds, the very air stood still,  
And then, and then, alas they raised  
The Cross upon the lonely hill.

Workmen, with roughened hands drew nigh,  
And took from me my strongest limb  
List' while I tell you what they made —  
They made that rugged cross for Him.

That I should thus be singled out;  
Filled all my soul with black despair,  
Until I saw a radiant light;  
And saw the Lord Christ standing there.

His face was O so kind to see,  
His words to me were very sweet,  
E'en as I listened I could see  
The nail-prints in His hands and feet.

"Blame not thyself, O gnarled tree,  
Nor drench you, with thy tears, the sod,  
For by thine aid, I'll show to men;  
The never-failing love of God.

Thou shalt a greater blessing be  
As shielding and as shelt'ring boughs;  
For neath the Cross that man didst make,  
All men shall find a haven now,

And looking down the lane of Time,  
I know this fact, and so must you;  
That what the Lord Christ said that day,  
Is O so true, so very true.

Rev. Martin Jenkinson,  
The Parsonage, King City,  
Holy Week 1955

**Dear Mister Editor**

RE: Financial Drive Retarded Children

Dear Mr. Editor:  
We must be thankful that in Canada today few children are neglected. Almost every handicapped and disabled child receives treatment and assistance. One group, however, has not yet received the assistance which it needs and deserves. That is the group of mentally retarded children.

In 1953 the Ontario Government provided a yearly grant for each child attending special schools for retarded children. This was substantial aid, but to provide school accommodation, transportation, and special teaching to the small classes which need personal teacher supervision, financial aid is required far in excess of the government grant.

We — parents, friends, teachers and helpers — of the Thornhill and District Association have managed to bridge this widening financial gap so far by our own efforts. School fees, rummage sales, raffles — all have contributed their large and small quotas. We are grateful to the United Church of Thornhill for their generosity in loaning us the use of the church hall as a school. The Lions Club of Thornhill has recently provided very real aid in taking care of the transportation. The number of children attending this special school is, however, steadily increasing and the Markham and Vaughan School Board has granted the use of the Bayview Ave. School for the next five years. This will bring added problems of finance to meet heating costs, taxes, janitor services, etc.

Will you help us? Some day we hope that the educational authorities will fully recognize the need for the training and education of these children and provide fully for it, as for other children. These handicapped children can be trained to the full extent of their capabilities and many can become useful in later life and capable of self-support. Meanwhile, this important work must be carried on with private financial assistance.

Donations may be deducted from income tax as recognized charitable gifts. Your assistance and help in this very worthy cause will be very much appreciated by us but much more by the children, for whom you will provide new avenues of assistance. Cheques should be made payable to the Thornhill and District Association for Retarded Children and sent to the Treasurer, Mrs. P. Bickerstaff, 215 Oak Avenue,vale, Ontario.

Yours sincerely,  
R. A. Swindle, President,  
Thornhill & District Association  
for Retarded Children

RE: Dogs Running At Large

Dear Mr. Editor:  
The article re: Shooting of Trespassing Dogs in a recent issue of the Liberal interested me. I agree whole-heartedly with the writer that shooting is not the answer and that most dogs in these parts, quite apart from the law, are pets of children, and should not be shot.

However I would greatly appreciate any assistance anyone can give on what to do about badly trained neighbors' dogs.

We live in a subdivision where the dogs run loose and free and with fifty foot frontages suffer thereby the usual inconveniences of compost heaps being dug up. Garbage periodically are strewn over front lawns when the garbage lid is not quite tight, and the like. However dogs will be dogs and if you are going to live in a subdivision this is all part of it as are the odd broken basement window, sand pies on the front steps and trucks and cars on the front lawn from the children.

However here comes the rub, when the neighbors' dog is one of those frolicsome animals with a loud bark that is consistently or perhaps I should say frequently let out between ten o'clock at night and one in the morning and has been known to be out again at six in the morning, is it asking too much to request quiet say from 10:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Furthermore at the last season of romance several admirers kept all night vigils at the house. Starting the songs of love about four o'clock in the morning. These were obviously pets. However, apparently their owners did not worry about their dogs being out for a night or two. At this point, in desperation, we phoned the police, and were told that they would come down and shoot the dogs if we entered a complaint that they were bothering us. We withdrew the complaint. We spoke to our neighbor about it and the cause of the trouble was removed from home for a few weeks.

Knowing that dogs are noted and kept for being watchdogs and that they realize that this is part of their natural instincts. However, we again are getting rather tired at having our neighbors' dogs be our watchdogs. They come and bark madly every time our car goes in or out of our driveway. Now we ignore it. Drive slowly and hope for the best. However, I have seen friends waiting to turn in our drive when the dogs would not stop barking and get off our drive. They do not limit themselves to the cars, they also bark at our heels or anyone else's who dares to come in or out of our front door. The other day one got the cleaning bag as the cleaner brought it to the door. If next time he got a husband's suit, we may have damage to the extent of \$50.00, if not in stock.

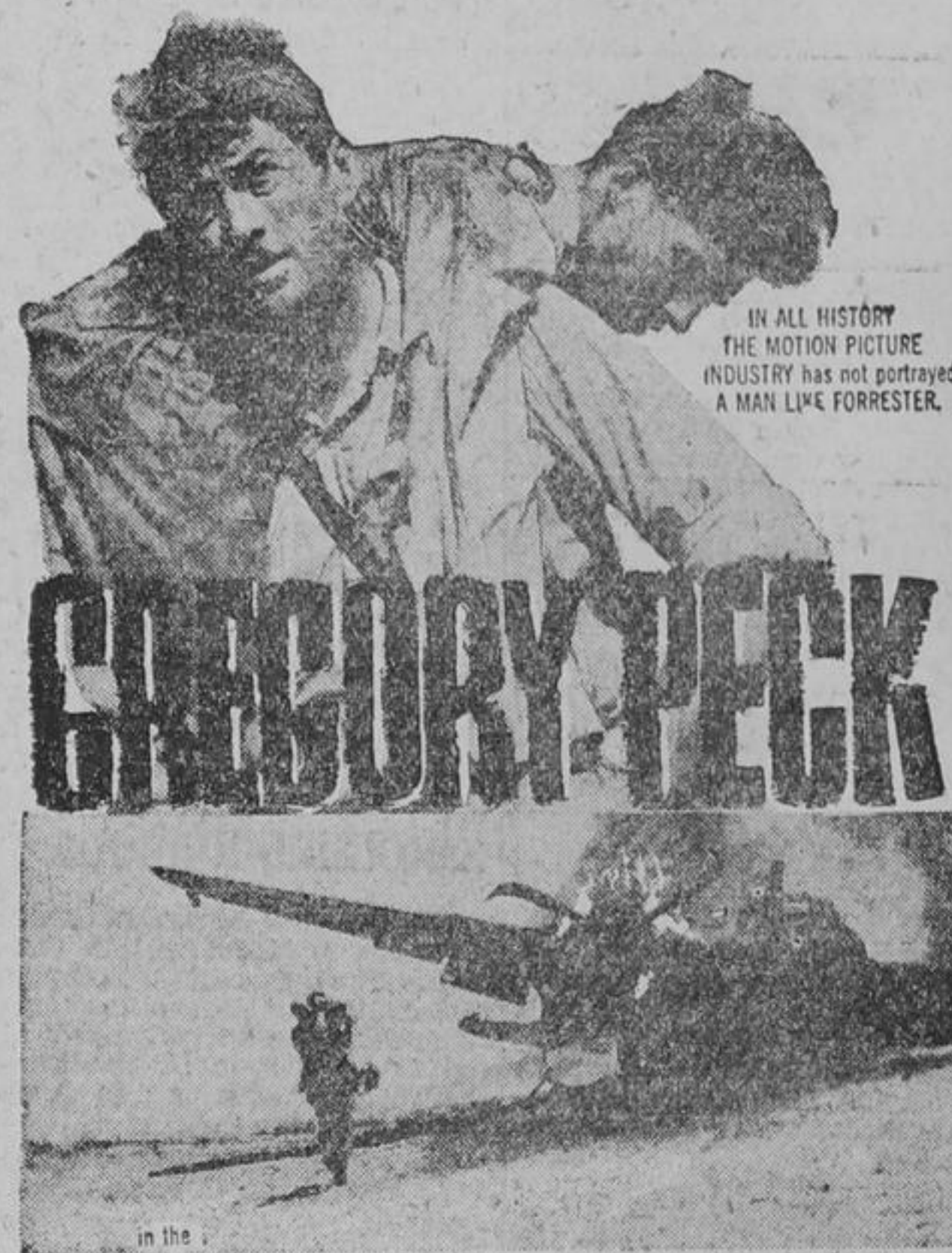
Our neighbors are very nice people. We have spoken to them about letting the dog out late at night, but as they keep rather late hours they do not seem to realize just how annoying it can be to be wakened from a sound sleep within a half hour after getting there by the shrill barking of a dog. Furthermore their attitude seems to be that dogs should be allowed to run at large. That is fine with us but please train your dogs.

Yours truly,  
An Unhappy Neighbor

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