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## "He Rose Again!"

An Easter Message by the Rev. H. R. Howden, Rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill.

Some years ago, a man was standing before the window of an art store in Toronto where a picture of the Crucifixion of our Lord was on exhibition. As he gazed at the painting, he became conscious of the approach of another and, turning, saw a little lad looking intently at the picture also. Pointing to the picture, the man asked the boy: "Do you know who that is?" "Yes", came back the quick reply. "That's our Saviour." With an evident desire to enlighten his companion, he continued after a pause: "Those are the soldiers, the Roman soldiers", and with a long-drawn sigh, "That woman crying there is His mother". He waited, apparently for the man to question him further, thrust his hands into his pockets, and, in a reverent and subdued voice, added: "They killed Him, mister. Yes, sir, they killed Him". "Where did you learn all this?" asked the man. "At Sunday School" came the prompt reply. The man turned away with a little prayer of thankfulness for Sunday Schools, leaving the boy looking at the picture. He hadn't walked a block before he heard the boy's childish treble calling. He turned. The boy was running towards him excitedly. Suddenly up went his hand and, with a triumphant sound in his voice, he said: "I wanted to tell you that He rose again! Yes, sir, He rose again and He lives now!"

He rose again - triumphant over death! Not even the grave could hold Him. "He is risen" - those words kept pounding in the minds of Peter and John as they raced towards the tomb that first Easter Day. And when they saw the empty tomb, the stone miraculously rolled away and the grave clothes lying there, they knew with a certainty that nothing could ever destroy that their Lord was not dead but alive - risen - victorious over death. May their conviction become the conviction of our lives. May we rejoice in His victory and take to heart the assurance that

it brings us. It's the assurance that what lies beyond this world is not the end of all things known, but the beginning of all things new. It's the assurance of a Heavenly Home where one day we all will be reunited in the Family of God, never to be separated again.

He lives now - not a dead hero but a living Lord. That is what Easter meant to the first Christians. He was alive - with His followers in the Garden, on the road to Emmaus, in the Upper Room, on the shore of Lake Galilee. It was all so real to them that they arose at dawn on the first day of each week in order that their first act might be to greet their Living Lord. May it be just as real to us now. May we, too, greet the Living Christ in His Church on Easter Day, know Him as our Saviour and Lord, and experience the comfort, the strength and the joy that He alone can bring.

He rose again and He lives now! If that is the meaning of Easter, then surely our immediate response will be to throw wide the door of our hearts to Him in welcome, to acclaim Him as King in the realm of our life. Surely our immediate response will be to take the action suggested by these words of the Rev. Leslie Weatherhead. "Can I hope that He will conquer the world, if He has not conquered my heart? Can I expect Him to establish world peace if the territories of my being are in tumult with one another and with Him? Can He change selfishness into unselfishness, lust into purity, ill-temper into kindness, if I don't surrender my whole being to Him? No man can make a greater contribution to the problems that distress us in these days than in the silence of His spirit to abdicate in favour of Christ, to let Christ dictate his every action and his every attitude, and in the realm of his own life to make Christ King."

"He rose again and He lives now!" That is what Easter meant to the boy in our story. What does it mean to you?

## Industrial Commission

Acting on a recommendation of Deputy-reeve Stanley Tinker, town council last week instructed Industrial Commissioner Robert Langford to report directly to Mayor William Neal and Clerk Russell Lynett in any matters pertaining to the operation of his department. Richmond Hill has had no industrial commission since last February 21 when the commission headed by Chairman John Graham resigned en masse in protest against council's failure to support them in their differences with Mr. Langford.

At present a committee composed of Councillors Alex Campbell and Walter Scudds is busy investigating the operation of industrial commissions in other Ontario municipalities comparable in size to Richmond Hill. They will report their findings back to council.

Council has been faced with an important issue since the resignation of its industrial commission. It involves clearly setting out the duties and responsibilities of both the commission and the commissioner. A definite division of responsibility must exist between the two offices. Council must also decide to whom the industrial commissioner is to be made responsible. If we are to have an industrial commissioner then it seems only logical he should be made responsible to the chairman and the members of the commission.

The question of added industrial assessment is of paramount importance to most municipalities throughout this province. It is one way to help the hard pressed home owner. Therefore council should give top priority to overhauling its present industrial setup and setting a broad policy for the successful operation of the department.

Our people will be waiting with interest the recommendations of Councillors Campbell and Scudds when they table their report with council. It will likely form the basis of a final solution to the differences between the commission and the commissioner.

### Easter Ends Winters Whims

Easter Sunday, April 14 and all its beautiful symbols will be more welcome than ever to Canadians this year because it signifies to most of us the coming of spring. March 21st may be the official first day of the season, but the Easter parade really makes us aware of the freshness

and newness around us. This traditional celebration is not unique to our civilization. As a matter of fact, the Easter parade began not in New York but in ancient Rome. Though the Romans held elaborate ceremonies and wore gay new clothes, they were celebrating the new year rather than Easter. New clothes were thought to bring the wearer good luck throughout the coming year. This, and many other of the ancient Roman customs spread to other parts of Europe and eventually to the new world, and as Christianity became prevalent, the ancient rites were transformed to conform to

the new beliefs. These include the origin of today's Easter egg. Ancient Greeks and Romans regarded the egg as the symbol of creation. Persian sun worshippers thought the world was hatched from an egg on the vernal equinox, or first day of spring.

Though they were celebrating New Year rather than Easter, they exchanged dyed eggs as good luck charms. Baby chicks represented the birth and hope of new life and played

an important part in the pagan rites. The identification of rabbits with Easter originated more than 2,000 years ago. Children were not afraid of rabbits, and according to German mythology they were escorts for the goddess Eostra and chosen by the fairies to tell children spring had come to the woodlands. Our word Easter was apparently derived from the name of the goddess who magically changed her pet bird into an Easter bunny. That is why the bunny builds a nest and produces colored

These symbols evolved into part of the Christian Easter celebration. For a while, eggs were forbidden during Lent and then served on Easter Sunday. They were dyed red to suggest the color of Christ's blood. Often they were blessed by the Church. Then, messages were written on them and they became gifts to friends. The ultimate in Easter egg decoration was the Czarist Russian practice of giving presents of jewel-studded eggs.

"CANADA IS A WONDERFUL COUNTRY FROM COAST TO COAST" - - REV. A. I. HIGGINS

"I would say that both coasts are very beautiful. The prairies are distinctive for their wide open spaces and have their own particular message, and Ontario is unmatched in the qualities of beauty and vitality." declared the Rev. A. I. Higgins, minister of Thornhill United Church.

Rev. A. I. Higgins, B.A., B.D., was inducted as minister of Thornhill United Church on November 29th, 1962. He is a native of the Maritimes, and a graduate of Dalhousie University and Pine Hill Divinity Hall. After service in the R.C.A.F., he had a pastorate in McKay United Church in Ottawa. Before coming to Thornhill, he was minister of First United Church in Victoria, B.C., for seven years.

Mrs. Higgins, is also a native of the Maritimes. She is the daughter of the late Captain E. Welch of the Merchant Marine. Rev. and Mrs. Higgins have two sons. A married son lives in Ottawa and the other son remains in Victoria. They have one grandchild. Rev. Higgins said that he was glad to be back in Ontario once more, and that he was enjoying his new charge at Thornhill immensely.

Rambling Around is honored to be the channel for the following Easter Message from the Rev. A. I. Higgins of Thornhill United Church.

> "THE STONE ROLLED AWAY" By Rev. A. I. Higgins, B.A., B.D.

Three women had anxiously awaited the first indications of dawn. They had very little sleep during the night. Their disturbed minds speculated about life after death and apparently had arrived at negative conclusions. As they were going to the tomb they were speculating on who would roll away the stone. At last the darkness began to lift, and the stars faded. Soon the sun would throw its warming rays across the hillside, "Very early in the morning," says Mark, "they came to the sepulchre." You could have seen their dark figures silhouetted against the grey of the dawn as they made their way towards Olivet. Doubt had not left their minds. They were talking about the difficulty of getting the stone rolled away, so they could enter the tomb. When 1878. they drew near, they saw to their amazement that the stone was rolled away and the tomb stood open.

The women were startled. Here was a mystery ... almost weird. To them it was like entering their munity. Of course much is Levy for County ..... \$130.50 home to find everything misplaced. Some mysterious changed but there are some Levy village purposes . 811.30 unseen visitor had been there. They were thinking things which seem never to High School tax ..... 200.55 of life in past relationships, of home, pleasant days change. One is the complaint Public School tax .... 420.80 together and here they found life had future possibilities to it.

Here there is life in two dimensions: the mortal and the mounting levy for and the immortal. They had laid Jesus in a tomb and had laid a great stone across the opening. By that deed they had written "finis" on the tomb. And God startled them that first Easter morning with the assurance that life was not done. That these earthly March 25th, 1899, just 64 years High School debenture 193.37 qualities had eternal value in them, that life was not ago Hesse A. Nichols, an im-High School maintenance 262.50 folded away like a garment but had survival value. portant local citizen wrote Public School ...... 840.00 When the angel of God descended and rolled the stone complaining of the tax increase away it wrote "ad finitum" on the tomb. Life was not done. Life on its grandest scale had only com- fered from today only in the County increase 120 per cent

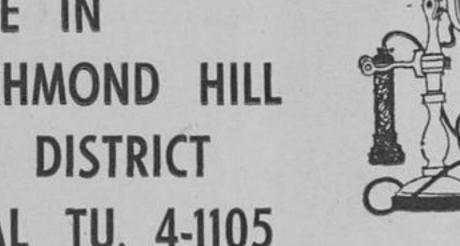
We, today, can buttress that great dynamic with | complained that at the annual High School 30 per cent. lesser arguments. This universe has always turned nomination meeting the rate-Public School increase 100 per out more wonderful than our fairest dreams. When Henry Russell, Professor of Astronomy at Princeton university was interviewed by a reporter of the New York Times, he was asked. "Do you believe in im- complaint was, and we quote Gould Savage, who operated a mortality? Do you believe that the spirit lives on from the latter "our taxes are general store on the west side after the body dies?" "Certainly, I do," was the too high and we have very lit- of Yonge Street on present site immediate answer. The reporter replied that it was rather strange for a scientist to say that. Then Pro- down through the years. fessor Russell picked up a candle burning on the table and blew it out. "Now," he said, "it looks as taxation, especially for educa- age, and father of William C. if the flame is gone, since I have blown it out. "But | tion was illustrated in a com- Savage who resides on Centre this very minute, that light is thousands of miles from here, and if we had instruments sufficiently delicate, we could detect that light in the universe and distinguish it from the light of the stars."

We believe that personality has the power to Second Thoughts . . . achieve distinction. Every soul is precious in the sight of God. Every man is of infinite value. Dr. Fosdick's words are true. "If there is no immortality then God is the greatest of all wasters." Look at what happened to men who lived under the power of the resurrection belief. Tax collectors became honest; cowards became bold, and fishermen became evangelists and statesmen. We often say to bereaved persons, "Try to think of something else." But we cannot think of something else. The personality of the one who has passed out comes back intruding on the memory.

Lastly, we buttress our hope of survival with the sense of the Righteousness of God. Just as these | was termed ridiculous by the chairman of Wellesely days are telling us that we cannot live dishonest lives in a world whose moral law is honesty, or we cannot live in the spirit of ill-will in a world whose spirit is one of brotherhood, neither can we continue in sin when the fundamental laws are purity, so neither can we have the spirit of righteousness in the minds of people today budding forth into blossom, if the divine righteousness treats us like oyster shells to be swept into the garbage after the ban-

D. L. Moody said to an audience once. "Some | pital are learning surgery by TV. A camera in the day you will read in the paper, that D. L. Moody is dead. Don't believe a word of it. At that moment, I shall be more alive than I am now." So that stone | the show is in the "closing" moments when they wait rolled away; that empty tomb tells us that life has another sphere to it than what is circumscribed on this wandering island in the sky. "Because He lives, we shall live also."

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# Rambling Around The Music Box... By W. Ray Stephens

Organ & Choral Recital 16th at St. Stephen's Church in Maple a recital of note will be held by Douglas Bod-

le, organist and choirmaster of St. Andrew's Church in Toronto, Mr. Bodle will also have with him a group of his church choir members so it will most certainly be an evening to take in and one you really shouldn't miss.

There have been several such recitals in the past at St. Stephens and Mrs. Vera Kirkland tells me that it is hoped a series of such high calibre affairs can be continued.

Mr. Bodle is known as one of Toronto's leading choral musicians and brought with him a very high reputation some years ago when he moved here from Winnipeg. This of course would place him extremely high in the level of Canadian organists and St. Stephen's Church is to be congratulated on being able to obtain the services of such a talented musician.

A word about the organ here in St. Stephen's is fitting since the instrument would have to be of a certain

volumes of this newspaper and

live again the life of this com-

ters have complained about the

continually increasing tax rate

county administration. Leafing

through the old files we find

at the local and county level.

It seemed the complaints dif-

payers were not given enough cent.

parative statement published in St. East.

just a circulating library?

that's a lot of scratch!

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can be like!

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employees . . . On the comic page?

it easier to handle a husband.

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ing village business.

our earliest days.

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Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal",

the home paper of this district since 1878.

Our "Letters From The Peo- "The Liberal", comparing ex-

ple" department, is one of the penses of 1899 with the year

most popular features of "The 1878 when this newspaper first

Liberal" which has been the appeared as the home paper

and surrounding district since The total amounts levied in

ence to leaf through the old in the following statement:

about high taxes. Recent let-Railway tax ...... 44.55

similar letters dating back to County tax ...... \$298.08

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size of the figures. The letter Village increase 16 per cent.

Even way back in 1899 the of Richmond Hill was Peter

tle to show for them". How of- of McConaghy Public School.

ten have we heard that lament He was the grandfather of his

The terrifying advances in presentative Peter Gould Sav-

Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

lic library will have any tapes available? . . . Or is it

ada show Alberta leads all of Canada in ice-cream

Hospital. He says hospital beds cost \$18-\$20,000

each . . . And no wonder the patients get bed-sores -

a flap over the falling market for long underwear.

We'd suggest they call them Capris and women would

operating room brings them a large-screen color

close-up of the actual operation. The high point of

for the announcement: "This program came to you

division suggests suburbanites might rent small cars

from the city which could be hooked onto arterial

conveyor belts for rapid transit to the city and back.

He says he saw the scheme in a publication for civic

sample plastic garbage bags for a month voted 88.5

per cent in favor of them being easier to handle than

garbage cans . . . This leaves 11.5 per cent who find

consumption . . . Well, at least its still cow country.

Wonder if the new record collection at our pub-

Figures released by the Dairy Council of Can-

Metro's offer of \$1,000-a-bed hospital grants

The old established firm of Penman's Ltd. is in

Medical students at the Toronto Western Hos-

The head of the Metro Planning Board's traffic

Seven hundred Scarboro housewives who used

A Washington report on the increasing inci-

Now it can be told: Honest Ed's Pink Elephant

After two months on the coffee-circuit, if you

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he might earnestly say: "Milk Please."

It is an interesting experi- ers of Richmond Hill is shown

home paper of Richmond Hill for the community.

ians would even consider ap- from The Allegro, Richmond ulty of music, Toronto) had On Tuesday evening April pearing in concert. The or- Hill. gan is a tribute to Canadian craftsmen and it might be surprising to know that we here in Canada do have an excellent field though small, of expert piano and organ makers. Kney and Bright of London, Ontario, were the builders in this case and it does warrant attention when Canadian artists perform on

Canadian made instruments. There is to be no admission charge for this concert but a collection will be taken up for the building fund of a new parish hall so urgently needed.

Time is 8.15 p.m. and it is Tuesday night, April 16, at St. Stephens Church in Ma-

### York Concert Society

Presents another of its subscription concerts on April 18 at Eaton Auditorium. Soloist will be Leonard Rose who will be heard in the Boccherini Violincello Concerto and also Saint-Saens Violincello Concerto, so this is a splendid opportunity to fill up on 'cello music. Tickstandard before good music- ets may be obtained locally

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by George Mayes

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Gould as an Organist

The ever surprising Glen Gould has recently finished a recording of Bach's The Art of the Fugue. Volume one only at the moment and it contains Fugues 1 to 9. Mr. Gould made the recording on the organ of All Saints' Church in Toronto and copies are now released on the Columbia Masterworks series, Monaural MI 5738, Stereo MS 6338,

\* \* \* \* Beethoven Still Beats All Orchestral concerts in the vention of the building bylaw U.S. show that of 2,903 con- setbacks. Council is seeking a certs played by 271 orches- meeting with the builder.

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Canadian Music Educators

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