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Man and nature combine to provide a real out-of-doors holiday resort at Jasper National Park, Alberta, on the main line of the Canadian National Railways. Photograph shows a few of the beauty spots close to Jasper Park Lodge, the magnificent log-cabin hostelry of the National System, which has been erected for the comfort and convenience of tourists who wish to make the most of the magnificent mountain scenery to be found within the borders of Canada's largest National Park.

Centre photograph shows Mount Edith Cavell, an imposing pile named in honor of Britain's heroic war nurse. The darker colored mountain to the right of Cavell has appropriately been named Mount Sorrow. Mount Cavell, in addition to being the highest mountain in Jasper National Park, 11,033 feet high, is also one of the most beautiful from a scenic point of view.

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## What Does the Eastertide Festival Mean to You?

DO WE BELIEVE? IS THE QUESTION PROPOUNDED BY MR. W. J. ASHLEY, IN A THOUGHTFUL EASTER MESSAGE TO READERS OF THE ADVANCE.

The following Easter Message is from the pen of Mr. W. J. Ashley, who is a Toronto Free Lance Journalist. In a letter written to The Advance this week, Mr. Ashley, who is a subscriber to this paper, says:—"If you feel that the accompanying little 'Easter Message' would be helpful to your readers, you are welcome to make use of same as a small offering from one who is keenly interested in the North Land and may eventually reside there."

Mr. Ashley's "Easter Message" is as follows:—

### DO WE BELIEVE?

Eastertide Greatest Festival of Christian Church.—What does it mean to you?

(By W. J. Ashley)

They tell me that there are shepherds who tend their sheep at the foot of Snowden who have never seen the sunrise on its crest,—one of the most glorious sights in the world. The fact is, we are living so near to the wonderful and the beautiful that our very nearness often prevents our full appreciation of the things that surround us in our daily lives, and it is only when we stand afar off that we fully realize their value and are struck dumb with awe at their magnificence.

As with the glories of nature, so it is with the Maker of them. We are so close to the generally accepted fact of a Divine Creator that we take little thought of His awful omnipotence and the tremendous import of the sacrifice of His Son. The festivals of the Church come and go; the Divine Conception, Birth, Ministration, and Crucifixion of the Christ pass in their orderly array. In the years that have passed they have left little, or no, permanent mark in the heart of one of us. The miracle of the Conception leaves us unmoved; the birth of the Christ at its best is merely a season of artificial good-will and hectic gift giving; the anniversary of the Crucifixion, to even the religiously inclined, little more than the opportunity to listen to some special Passion music, and to the still less devout, the conventional time to don new springtime clothing.

What is wrong with us? Are we sinking back into Paganism? Where do we stand after almost twenty centuries of Christian teaching? Let me tell you what I think. I think that we have lost sight of the essence of the Christian faith, not refuted it, but just lost sight of it. I refer to the Resurrection.

To most of us Christianity in our childhood's days was a greater factor than it is now that we have grown into men and women. Through the successive stages of our development into man's estate the acceptance has still remained within us, but instead of growing with our mental and bodily strength it has become less real, less potent, and less actual until the truth scarcely shines in our souls. It has become dimmed by its very nearness.

I have always thought that Eastertide should be a season of greater heart-searching than even the advent of the New Year, when so many of us turn over the new leaf and start the fresh page which is to become all too quickly soiled and stained by the muck and mire of our own frailties. Should it not be at Eastertide that we should look back upon the year gone by and make our spiritual reckoning, and try to bring to light our flickering faith in the immortality of the soul, that has become obscured during the preceding twelve months by the glare and tear of the day? I am sure that it is. Best of all, a spiritual rejuvenation at this time has for its keystone round which to build our new lives the sure and certain hope, nay, the certain assurance, of life in the world to come.

It seems to me that since the war it is more than ever essential that it should be so, essential to our own peace and comfort of mind, apart from all else.

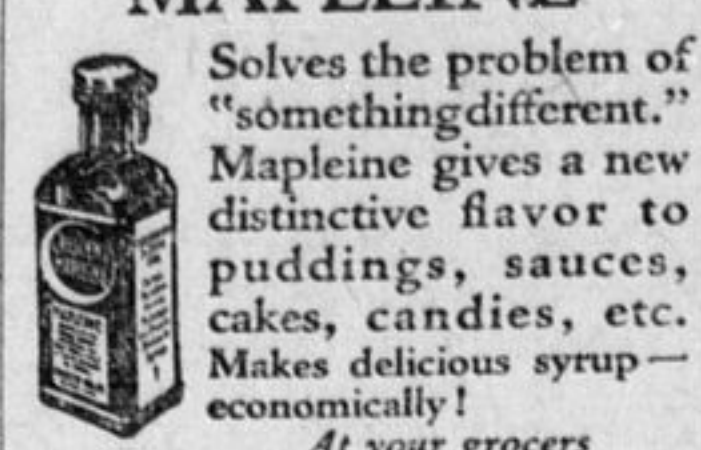
On each successive Easter since the signing of the Armistice my thoughts have gone back to the story of the Resurrection and what it means to those who have lost all they held dear in the world-war. Always, I have asked myself, "Do I believe?" "Can I believe?" And as I sit alone in the quietness of my room, whether the answer be short or long in its coming, it is ever the same,—"Yes, you believe!" For out of the East, stealing through silent forests, through pathless tracts of desert waste, o'er mountain ridge and rushing torrent, winding through mazy streets of great cities, on the wings of the wind comes the unmistakable

message from the hosts of the mighty army who have passed beyond The Dawn.

Yes, we believe; it is only that our vision has become dimmed by the nearness and the magnitude of it all. It is not given to each one of us to see with equal clarity; some of us even pray that our God shall be a God of the shadows who shall lead us through the gloaming until we have strength enough to bear the light of His presence. It matters little just so long as we accept the fundamental truth of the Resurrection and the Great Tomorrow, and keep the guiding lamp of its certainty burning brightly in our hearts. Let us, then, at this Eastertide renew our belief in the Resurrection and the immortality of the soul. Without it, death is the end of all, and life is not worth while.

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