

THE FIRST EASTER LILY

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I. Dead hills slate-faced against a pallid moon. A brooding sea— A restless forest whispering a song Of mystery, And sorrow cringing at the gates of old Gethsemane.

II. Misty the stars as though the stress of grief Had filmed their eyes, Voiceless the world with God's black bars adown. The brooding skies, As though to shut the makers of His woe From Paradise.

III. But lo! a gleam lights up the sombre hills. The dead trees stir, Across the heavy night steals the sweet scent Of spice and myrrh. A sudden halo rests above a cold, White sepulchre.

IV. And in that glow, an angel robed in white Stands all alone, One hand upon a chariot of stars, One on the stone That seals the grave of Him the griev- ing God Has named His Own.

V. And, all unseen by man, or beast, or bird— Ere night has spun Her sable wool across a saddened world, The sleeping One Answers the call that floats adown the stars, "Come, my dear Son!"

VI. Thus Christ arose from His white sepulchre, And journeyed home, And where the angels kneel, a-dity grew Beside the tomb, And those who came saw Christ in its glad face, And sweet perfume.

Easter. Gates Ajar.

Fifty years ago a young woman offered a book to a Boston house. It was declined—later accepted, but with such faint confidence that it was not electrolyzed. To the surprise of all one hundred thousand copies were called for, besides editions in England and translations in five languages. The book was "Gates Ajar"—its author Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. Without reference to its merits quick and wide sale is easily accounted for. It is answer to human cry expressing itself in the lines:

"O talk to me of heaven! I love To hear about my home above For there doth many a loved one dwell In light and love ineffable. Gates Ajar has nothing to say about harps and psalms, however. It gives new symbols for old. Heaven is humanized. A natural history is even engaged, and mountains, trees, clouds, flowers and brooks imagined. Houses also are adjoined, not made of oak and pine and nailed together, but something that will be to us what these are now. People will not wander about without a habitation. These may be superb. They house are of ivory. Thy windows' crystal clear. Thy tiles are made of beaten gold.

Yet, all will be homelike, for in the Father's mansion there are many homes. We shall read in heaven, being influenced there as here, by noble teachers of the soul. Whole planets will be turned into galleries of art and orchestral halls, where highest possibilities of music will be realized. So eternity can never become monotonous. There will be variety without end—charms within charms—delivered by infinite ingenuity. We shall be ourselves in heaven. "Whoso loveth his life shall find it"—if, his own—not another's. We shall see and be seen as we have seen and been seen here. Recognition follows as a matter of course, and human dearness will wax not wane there. The departed continue interest in this world, for it one goes into the next forgetting this, he becomes other than himself. Changed much they have forgotten nothing. Beyond our sight they continue loving. And to love is to care for. Even their nearness is not to be doubted.

This essential humanness of heaven rests upon the humanity of Jesus. His thirty-three human years are pledge of it. Frankly, however, it is based on analogy and conjecture. But it is a probability, presumption in whose favor amounts almost to a certainty. Such is the actual and pleasant heaven pictured—one in which the sparkle and bloom of life is not lost. Yet mind reverts to majestic symbols of Revelation. They are enhanced, not depreciated, by Gates Ajar.

FROM THE CREE INDIANS

Father Gouy to Pay Visit to Parents in Finance. Edmonton, Alta., April 10.—Bronzed and bearded as a par-i was Rev. Father Gouy, superior of St. Isadore mission at Fort Smith, on arriving in Edmonton, after a voluntary exile of twenty-two years among the Cree Indians living north of the 60th parallel of latitude. He is on the way to Nantes, France, where he will visit his aged parents, journeying thence to Rome for an audience with Pope Pius X, and returning to the Mackenzie-river district early the coming September.

Father Gouy traveled from Fort Smith, the home of wild buffalo and reindeer, to Fort McMurray, a distance of 314 miles, by dog team, the trip occupying two weeks, and from the last named point to Athabasca, 256 miles, by sleigh, drawn by horses. He was accompanied by Joseph Odette and O. L. Burdick, traders at the fort. He said:

"It seems good to be in civilization once more after such a long stay in the vast hinterland of Alberta. The most interesting thing to me is the wonderful transformation of a crude frontier village, such as Edmonton, was when I came through here in 1892, to a substantially built city of 70,000 ambitious and progressive people.

"We have a good country around Fort Smith. We have raised No. 1 hard wheat and all kinds of vegetables. Horses and cattle can be wintered along with the reindeer and buffalo. The nearest settlement to us is Smith Landing, sixteen miles south, while on the north we have Fort Simpson, 500 miles distant, and Fort McPherson, 1,300 miles distant. Truly, it is a country of magnificent distances and possibilities.

"Already I am eager to return to the life in the open; but before I do that I must visit my aged parents in France."

GREAT LAKES INSURANCE

Association Asks 3 1-2 Per Cent. From Its Subscribers. Cleveland, April 11.—The advisory committee of the Great Lakes Protective Association has called for an initial contribution at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. from subscribers for insurance carried by the society. The association will write out full form policies hereafter. The 3 1/2 per cent. of insurance valuation is for full term policies for the full year and would be equivalent to a 3 1/2 per cent. rate for the navigation period. The underwriters are writing policies at the rate of 4 per cent. for the navigation season or 4 1/2 per cent. for the full year. The association writes twenty-five per cent. of its subscribers.

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WOULD ABOLISH THE HOME

Boys of Vienna Rudely Shock Government Officials. London, April 11.—The Vienna correspondent of The Daily Mail wires "The government has taken strong action against a curious revolutionary movement among the boys of Vienna on the ground that it is dangerous to the state. For some years a 'culture club' had existed privately among the boys but the membership became, so large that the president of the club applied to the government for permission to put a club for boys of sixteen and over on a legal basis. When the government officials received a copy of the proposed statutes they had a rude shock. Statute number 1 calmly provided for the abolition of the home. Members of the club were enjoined to put pressure on their parents so as to obtain flats for themselves.

"Other items on the boys' programme were the election of school teachers and the dismissal of unpopular teachers. Suggestions were invited for up-to-date substitutes for such institutions as the home and school. These and even more startling proposals horrified the officials. A conference was hurriedly called. The minister of education, who was on a holiday, was summoned to Vienna. The existing club was raided and closed because further evidence of the unblushing effrontery of the movement was found.

"The minister of education knew only too well what the boys meant by putting pressure on their parents. Vienna parents are often bullied into according to the wishes of their children by threats of suicide."

Tidings from Bath

Bath, April 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Covert, of Warsaw, N. Y., who have been visiting at H. Covert's, left for home on Tuesday of this week. John Irish and wife, of Toronto, and George Irish and wife, of Hamilton, are here for a few days. There is also to be an auction sale of the property of the late A. Irish, on Thursday of this week. The ice in the bay is unsafe now and very little travelling is done.



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