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EASTER THOUGHTS.

Christ is risen! This is the triumphant cry that will ring throughout Christendom in Easter week as it has done for centuries past.

The Resurrection which Christians thus celebrate is not only a religious dogma. It finds its counterpart in nature and in human history. It is illustrated by the re-awakening of the latent forces that have lain dormant during the winter season, the blossoming of the trees, the emergence from their wintry tomb of plants and flowers and the promise of new life which, when spring comes, gladdens and brightens the human heart.

The perennial miracle of vernal re-birth brings with it a lesson of hope and proof of the comforting truth that nothing ever dies. It is well to remember that mighty empires have fallen and great civilisation perished and disappeared almost without a trace. Yet man has progressed and arisen time and again only to fall once more when sloth, excessive luxury and disregard of the higher moral tenets had undermined his corporate existence and his vitality.

So mankind need not despair. Hope, indeed, springs eternal in the human breast and never more so than at Easter time when we are made aware of the ever-recurring cycle of renaissance.

In the present state of human affairs hope and faith are no doubt abundantly necessary to counter-

act the dark and uncertain outlook which confronts humanity. As we look around we cannot fail to see the precarious foundation on which our hopes rest. We see a world in conflict, agitated and torn by opposing ideological concepts, unrest and turmoil everywhere, an uneasy peace in Korea, desperate fighting in Indo-China, the horrors of Mau Mau, and the wealth of the nations expended on armaments and weapons capable of unbelievable destruction. International understanding and the spirit of compromise have given place to hatred and intransigence, a dark picture indeed and one that might well cause us to abandon all hope. Yet that slender thread remains unbroken. Throughout the world decent men and women are for ever striving to uphold the moral values which, in the end, are stronger than material power.

As for us, we are fortunate and privileged in that both our native land and the great country which gives us hospitality are strongholds of Christian thought and ideals, and making every possible effort to bring about universal peace and international understanding.

This, then, is our Easter message: Let us never give up hope, hope for a resurrection of kindlier feelings, peace and goodwill among the nations, for the possibility of the decencies of life for all men, whatever their race or creed, for a revival in fact of the Christian virtues.

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