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He is Risen

*Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ hath burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids Him rise;
Christ hath opened Paradise.*

CHARLES WESLEY (Easter Hymn)

There are several ways open to any interested person to prove to his own satisfaction the truth of the resurrection from the dead of Jesus Christ. One such way is to examine carefully the written records, gather such other information as may be required, then to write out the findings. One of the many people to have undertaken this task is Frank Morison who wrote *Who Moved the Stone?** In this book he states that he originally set out to put into print the serious doubts he had regarding the literal resurrection from the dead of Jesus Christ. He was forced, however, to conclude (after examining the evidence) with these words: 'There may be, and as the writer thinks, there certainly is, a deep and profoundly historical basis for that much disputed sentence in the

*Faber, 1930.

Apostles' Creed—"The third day He rose again from the dead".

Another way is to subject someone who holds this belief to very searching questioning. This has happened from time to time on television with great effect.

I prefer to use a method called the 'experimental' proof of Christ's resurrection. By this I mean to investigate the long-term effects on a person of unreservedly accepting the fact that Christ has risen from the dead. In the Bible, this type of experiment can be clearly demonstrated. Doubting Thomas after meeting the risen Christ became worshipping Thomas. The great betrayer of Christ, Peter, became a mighty preacher and a leader of men. Sorrowing Mary became a joyful follower, while the home at Emmaus was transformed by the presence of the risen Christ.

In the early life of the Church, the apostles continually preached the fact of the resurrection. It was this doctrine that gripped them. It is even so today, for when men and women are convinced that Christ is alive, now at this very moment of time, and a very

present help in time of trouble, their lives change—they are transformed.

St. Paul makes it very clear in his first Corinthian Epistle that a faith that has no risen Christ at its centre is a faith that is dead. 'If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.'

For Christians holding the resurrection of Jesus Christ dear, the evidence is clear for all to see. They possess an ordered life highlighted by joy and peace, to an extent that is unknown to those who dismiss lightly this basic doctrine of the Christian Church.

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Nurse Allocation by Computer

There is considerable interest at present in the possibilities of allocating nurses by computers instead of by a full-time administrator. The computer, or rather the computer's programmer, is immediately faced with a dilemma as far as nurses in training