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913 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.
March 29, 1932.

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My dear Mrs. Cooper:

Thank you ever so much for your kind letter and for the beautiful Easter lilies, also for your love for dear Lottie. It has been a great pleasure to me also for the privilege of sharing in that perfect friendship. These earthly ties are very precious, and I feel sure that they are to endure forever. We take them with us into the great beyond where they will grow richer and sweeter through the endless ages of eternity.

I thank you also for the beautiful poem, "Resurrex-
it Resurgam." I read it with deep interest, and have appropriated its fine lesson.

I have never been endowed with the gift of poesy. During the Easter season, however, I was moved to jot down in my "Stray Thoughts and Meditation" a few words in prose expressive of my feelings, a copy of which I am inclosing in this letter thinking that you might be interested in reading it.

A word as to the check. I hope you will cash it at once and deposit it with the endowment money in the bank. I can assure you I will never need it. I am sure to be taken care of. The promises of God are sure and steadfast, they cannot fail. God, who cares for the birds of the air, and who has assured us that we are more than many sparrows, will also care for us. I am not troubled about, "what shall I eat? what shall I drink, wherewithal shall I be clothed. The good book tells us, "Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things."

~~So please put the twenty-five dollars to work at once.~~

~~I am sorry I did not get to see the young man who brought
the letter and the lilies.~~

~~Again thanking you, and with kindest
regards and best wishes, I am, as ever,~~

~~Your sincere friend,~~

~~Francis J. Grimke~~

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EASTER.

The spirit of Easter is the spirit of aspiration, of high endeavor; it is the upward urge towards the better, the nobler things of life. It is getting away from the things which defile which drag ~~us~~ down to lower levels, which tend to efface the image of God within us. It is a call from the heights, from above, to come up higher, ever higher. The true Easter spirit is the spirit that lifts, elevates, ennobles, that keeps us ever pressing on the upward way. In the ^{language of the psalmist,} ~~language of the psalmist,~~ that keeps well-
ing up within the soul, the yearning,

"As the hart panteth after ~~the~~ ^ewater brooks,
So panteth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God."

Such, it seems to me, is the true Easter spirit. May we all be possessed by it, and may it ever remain with us, to gladden
our own hearts, and to make ^{glad} through us, the hearts of others.

Francis J. Grimke.

Footnote: The check referred to on p. 18 was a gift to the Endow-
ment Fund of Trelinghuysen University of which I had recently
become president. A. J. C.