

LETTERS COME AS A MYSTERY

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MAY BE A BIG HOAX

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Some things we come across in this world are interesting because of their evident age and the mystery surrounding their coming to light.

The Spartangurg Herald in a recent issue, clipped out and published from the People's Journal of Aberdeen, Scotland, the following article about a supposed letter written by Jesus Christ.

When this article was read by one of the men connected with The Horry Herald, it was remembered that the office had a supply of these letters on hand, and had them ever since the paper was published by its present owner, as will be more fully explained in this article.

(From People's Journal, Aberdeen, Scotland.)

A remarkable letter, alleged to have been written by Christ, is being published in the United States and Canada, and the story of its seeing the light is surrounded by superstition worthy of the dark ages.

In the letter was an injunction that it should be published to the world by whoever found it, together with the statement that misfortune and bad luck would follow the person having possession of it in the event that it was not given publicity.

According to the history of the letter, it was written by Christ just after His crucifixion, signed by the Angel Gabriel 99 years after the Savior's birth and presumably deposited by him under a stone at the foot of the Cross.

On this stone appeared the legend 'Blessed is he who shall turn me over.' No one knew what the inscription meant, or seemed to have sufficient curiosity to investigate, until the stone was turned over by a little child, and a letter which follows was discovered:

'Whoever works on the Sabbath day shall be cursed. I command you to go to church and keep holy the Lord's day, without any manner of work. You shall not idle or misspend your time in bedecking yourself in superfluities of costly apparel and vain dressing, for I have ordered it a day of rest. I will have that day kept holy that your sins may be forgiven you.'

'You will not break my commandments, but observe and keep them, they being written by my hand and spoken by my mouth. You shall not only go to church yourself, but also your man servant and maid servant. Observe my words and learn my commandments.'

Finish at Six O'clock.

'You shall finish your work every Saturday at six o'clock in the afternoon, at which hour the preparation for the Sabbath begins. I advise you to fast five days in the year, beginning on Good Friday and continuing the five days following, in remembrance of the five bloody wounds I received for you and mankind.'

'You shall love one another, and cause them that are not baptized to come to church and receive the Holy Sacrament, that is to say, baptism, and the Supper of the Lord, and be made a member thereof, and in so doing I will give you long life and many blessings. Your land shall be replenished and bring forth abundance and I will comfort you in the great temptation, and surely he that doeth to the contrary shall be cursed.'

'I will also send hardness of the heart on them, and especially on hardened and unrepentant unbelievers. He that hath given to the poor shall find it profitable. Remember to keep the Sabbath day, for the seventh day I have taken as a day of rest to myself.'

'And he that hath a copy of this letter written by my own hand and spoken by my own mouth and keep-

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eth it without publishing it to others, shall not prosper, but he that publishes it to others shall be blessed by me, and if their sins be as many as the stars by night, and if they truly believe they shall be pardoned; and they that believe not this writing and my commandments will have my plagues upon you, and you will be consumed with your children, goods and cattle, and all other worldly enjoyments that I have given you. Do but one thing of what I have suffered for you, if you do, it will be well for you in this world and in the world which is to come.

Found By a Child 'Whoever shall have a copy of this letter and keep it in their house, nothing shall hurt them, neither pestilence, thunder nor lightning, and if any woman be in birth and put her trust in me she shall be delivered her child. You shall hear no Scriptures until the day of judgment. All goodness and prosperity shall be found. Finished.'

The story goes that the little child who found it passed it to one who became a convert to the Christian faith. He failed to have the letter published. He kept it, however, as a sacred memento of Christ, and it has passed down to different generations of his family for more than one thousand years.

During this period the family suffered repeated misfortunes, migrated to different countries until finally one of them came to America, bringing the letter with them. They settled in Virginia, then moved further South, still followed by misfortune, when finally the last member, a daughter, approached her death bed and called a neighbor, giving her the letter, and related its history for more than one thousand years. The woman began the attempt to have it published, and it first appeared in 1891. It then appeared in the 'Dalton Citizen,' and an Indiana woman clipped it and kept it in her possession for many years without an effort to have it published. She was followed by misfortune, which she attributed to her neglect in trying to have the letter published.

Still another woman is said to have had a copy and failed to make an effort to have it published for three years, and was followed by a varied lot of misfortunes which she attributed to the fact of her neglect in this respect.

(The Horry Herald's Part in it.) When H. H. Woodward purchased The Horry Herald from John A. McDermott, in October, 1899, among the miscellaneous supply of papers, and other paraphernalia, was a package of circulars, printed in the regular news type of the paper, about five hundred in all, bearing across the head the words: 'A Copy of a Letter by Our Savior, Jesus Christ.'

One day, in looking over the things in the office, which was located on the corner where the Central Filling Station now stands, this package of printed letters was found and the top one in the bunch was read.

Connected with the paper at that time was Jas. W. Hardwick, a hand compositor who had worked on the paper ever since he had been a boy. Jim was asked about these letters as to why they had been printed and for whom the work had been done. Jim said that the package had come down with the old Campbell hand press and the old types; that the letters had been in the office ever since he had been connected with it; that the letters were in stock when he was first employed in the shop, and he thought that perhaps they had been reprinted a time or two.

Not long after this it was found that now and then there was a demand for one or two of the letters. Jim Hardwick said that they had been printed, he thought, for the purposes of sale to those who wanted to buy, and that he had sold a great many at the price of five cents each.

Now and then The Herald office would have a caller. He or she would call for a copy of the letter of Jesus. Jim would supply the demand from the old drawer where the package of letters was kept. This went on from time to time until about five years ago it was remembered that all of the letters had been sold or misplaced except about two dozen that The Herald man found stowed away the other day when the article in The Spartanburg Herald appeared.

Nothing connected with the paper was ever thrown away entirely. The old hand press was sold years afterwards for the sum of \$200.00, while the old job press lay in the back yard for about five years and was disposed of at a good price to a junk man; and in the meantime the old package of letters was kept and whenever a man or woman demanded a copy it was supplied.

Upon reading the article in The Spartanburg Herald and comparing the letter as it was printed therein with the one in The Herald office, they were found to be substantially alike.

The body of the alleged letter was preceded with an explanation as to how it was found, just as the article published in Scotland said.

Here is the letter word for word: 'A COPY OF A LETTER BY OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST'

'Found eighteen miles from Iconium, sixty-five years after our blessed Savior's crucifixion transmitted from the holy city by a converted Jew, faithfully translated from the original Hebrew copy now in possession of the lady Cubas family at Mesopotamia. This letter was written by Jesus Christ found under a great stone both round and large, at the foot of the cross, 18 miles from Iconium, near a village called Mesopotamia. Upon the stone was written or engraved: 'BLESSED IS HE WHO SHALL TURN ME OVER.' People that saw it prayed to God earnestly, and desired that they might not attempt in vain to turn it over. In the meantime there came a little child about six or seven years old and turned it over without any help or assistance, to the admiration of the people who stood by; and under this stone was found this letter, written by Jesus Christ, and was carried to the city of Iconium; and there published by persons belonging to Cuba, signed by the Angel Gabriel, twenty-eight years after our Savior's birth.'

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A LETTER OF JESUS CHRIST

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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION

To all and singular, all of the stockholders of Harrelson & Bell Co., Inc., a corporation duly organized and chartered under and by the laws of the State of South Carolina, and formerly having offices in the County of Horry, in said State.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that we, the undersigned directors and officers of the said Harrelson & Bell Co., Inc., have called a meeting of the stockholders of said company to meet at the office of A. B. Bell, Bayboro, South Carolina, at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the 16th day of March, 1923, for the purpose of winding up the affairs of said Company, liquidating the same, and for the purpose of passing a resolution dissolving the said Company and cancelling the charter thereof.

Witness the Hand and Seals of the said Directors and Officers this 15th day of February, 1923. H. J. JOHNSON, A. B. BELL (L. S.), W. M. HARRELSON (L. S.) Board of Directors of said Company. A. B. BELL (L. S.) President. W. M. HARRELSON (L. S.) Secretary.

H. H. WOODWARD, Attorney for Harrelson & Bell Co., Inc. 2/15/23-1mo.

SOLDIER DOES HEROIC THING

One of the bravest things recorded in this part of the country lately took place at Florence, S. C., recently when a corporal in charge of the recruiting station in that city saved a child from death by stopping a runaway horse that was without bridle.

To Stop a Cough Quick take HAYES' HEALING HONEY, a cough medicine which stops the cough by healing the inflamed and irritated tissues. A box of GROVE'S O-PEN-TRATE SALVE for Chest Colds, Head Colds and Croup is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. The salve should be rubbed on the chest and throat of children suffering from a Cold or Croup. The healing effect of Hayes' Healing Honey inside the throat combined with the healing effect of Grove's O-Pen-Trate Salve through the pores of the skin soon stops a cough. Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 50c. Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

The story is thus told by The Florence Times in a recent issue:

Risking his own life to save that of a child, Corporal Frank D. Staples, in charge of the local army recruiting station, Sunday afternoon sprang upon the back of a runaway horse pulling a careening buggy behind him in which was the little six-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McPherson, of Claussen, and by main strength brought the frightened animal to a stop just before it had headed on into a moving train on North Church street. Had the corporal missed his hold when he sprang, he would probably have been either seriously injured or killed and the horse would have plunged into the moving train, probably killing the child, and the horse and demolishing the buggy. As it was none was injured with the exception of the little girl, she receiving a slight bruise on the side of her face when she fell from the buggy as the corporal swerved the horse to one side to keep the animal from plunging into the train.

Corporal Staples was standing on the sidewalk when he heard people crying out and saw the maddened animal come plunging down the street with the buggy threatening to turn over on the pavement each moment, the child clinging to it and crying for help. For several blocks back persons had dashed out into the street, but when they saw that the horse had no bridle for them to grasp, they had backed off and let the animal go by, their efforts only frightening him more and more. The result was that when the horse arrived opposite the corporal he was running to the limit of his speed. The street along which the vehicle had dashed was lined with excited people who had rushed out to see what the noise was about, many of them shouting and rushing after the speeding animal.

An eye witness to the action of the corporal said that the soldier, as soon as he saw the horse running towards him threw off his overcoat and when the animal came abreast of him he leaped for his head, attempting to grasp him in the nostrils. He missed his hold, was knocked off his feet, and those near literally held their breath, as it seemed that each second he would be trampled beneath the feet of the enraged horse. However, as his hand slid back from the horse's head it caught cold of the harness near the collar, and in this position, with the other hand grasping the shaft of the buggy, he was dragged along for a number of feet, when he gave another mighty lunge and landed across the back of the animal, his head swinging down on one side and his feet on the other. Gradually he worked himself into a position where he was lying on his stomach astride the horse, which if anything was running faster than before. Grasping the harness in both hands Corporal Staples slowly worked his way forward along the neck of the horse until he was able to grasp his ears. With an ear of the animal in each hand, he threw his weight forward, forced the animal's head to one side, causing him to swerve off the paved street only a few yards before it came in contact with the oncoming train and soon brought him to stop. The wheels of the buggy struck the curb just as the animal stopped and the child was thrown out, as she fell in soft dirt, she was unharmed with the exception of the slight bruise on her face.

H. H. Harbin, J. J. Morney and H. P. Gasque, who had followed in an automobile as close to the horse as they dared in order not to frighten him more, immediately picked up the little girl and took her back to her mother, who was near the flowing well at Jefford's creek, at which place the horse became frightened and began to run, picked up Mrs. McPherson and took them to Mr. Harbin's home. The bruise on the child's face was bathed, but the little girl was so frightened that it took her more than an hour to recover.

Mrs. McPherson, her son and small daughter had come to Florence to visit Mr. McPherson, who is ill in a local hospital. On their way back to their home at Claussen, they stopped to water the horse at the well, Mrs. McPherson and her son getting out of the buggy, and when the boy pulled the bridle off to let the animal drink, the horse began to trot down the road towards town, and when Mrs. McPherson ran forward to stop him, the horse became frightened and broke into a run which did not let up until Corporal Staples stopped him near the railroad track on North Church street.

A large number of people gathered on the scene immediately after the horse had been stopped, and they are of the opinion that the little girl would surely have been killed had Corporal Staples not stopped him where he did. All are of the opinion that the corporal did a very heroic deed, filled with great danger to himself, and many of those present took him by the hand and praised him for his unselfish and danger-fraught action. Some of the women, who a minute before had stood frozen in their tracks with horror, expecting to see the little girl dashed against the moving train and mangled, almost caught him in their arms as they sobbed out their gratitude for what he had done. The corporal, however, could not see where he had done any more than anyone else would have done under the circumstances, and the first chance he got he slipped away and returned to town. Those who saw him going about his regular duties yesterday and today efficient and quiet way, could not tell unless they had been told of the heroic action he had performed, that he is a real hero. He has not mentioned the subject once, and when anyone attempts to get him to talk about what he did, he passes it off and changes the subject.

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EIGHT ALIENS ARE HELD UP

Eight Italians and one Portuguese are locked up at the police station, Florence, suspected of being illegally landed aliens, according to a telegram received by Chief of Police McIver, from the immigrant inspector at St. Andrews, Fla. The men were taken from Atlantic Coast Line train No. 82, bound from Jacksonville to New York by Captain Dorsey, head of the railroad police department, three of his officers and Officer Ward of the city police department.

A telegram was received by the chief asking him to watch the Florida northbound trains for eight illegally landed aliens, and these men were taken off as suspects, although there are nine in the crowd taken off the train by the officers.

In a conversation over long distance telephone, the inspection officials at St. Andrews, Fla., stated that a man was being sent to Florence to investigate the men and find out if they are the ones wanted. The police were asked to hold the men until the officer arrived.

The men, that is those who could speak English, stoutly denied they were illegally landed in this country, saying they have been in the United States for a number of years. Two of them showed passports while some of the others said they had lost theirs. One of the number, who could speak English fairly well, said he had lived in Pennsylvania for a number of years, and that he had gone to Florida because he had heard that better wages were being paid than in the north. But he said he found expenses so high that he could not stay there and was returning to Philadelphia when he was removed from the train.

ere. All of the men had tickets to destinations in the north. The Portuguese talked very fluently, with his hands, but his motions could not be deciphered by the representative of the paper who called on the men at the jail, nothing could be learned of his past history. LATER—Although it has not been officially established that eight of the men who were captured by police officials of the city and Atlantic Coast Line railroad are the ones whom the officials were asked to keep on the lookout for as being illegally landed aliens, it is practically sure that they are the men wanted, according to a statement made by Kenneth Morton, Chinese and immigration inspector of the United States Immigration Service at Jacksonville, who arrived in Florence to take charge of the situation.

Inspector Morton stated that on Feb. 7th, 36 Italians had been smuggled into the country at Panama City, Fla., from Cuba. Twenty-eight of them were caught within a short time, but eight managed to elude the officials and make their getaway. Chief McIver received a telegram from the officials to keep a watch for these men, and nine men were taken from an A. C. L. train bound from Florida to New York who answered in a way the description of the men wanted. The ninth man, a Portuguese, will probably be released, stated the inspector.

Speaking of the immigration problem, Inspector Morton stated that at present the quotas for Italy and several adjoining countries have been exhausted and no more can come in before August except by smuggling. This is the reason so many are trying to get in at this time, he said.

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