



DON'T LET THE DOG LOOSE!

A LETTER FROM LONGFELLOW.

HADES,
(No date here.)

MASTER GRIP :-

SIR,—I'm glad to see that you admire with me that Dialogue of Lucian's, where Zevs, Hermes, Athene, Hore and other heavenly ones hold council on the crookedness of man, but I must rate you for your rashness in trying to make a play out of a real meeting here of Shakespeare, Scott, Byron and others to consider a shady thing done to one of our members on earth. I was to have been present, but was prevented. There was a Y. M. C. A. meeting at St. Michael's palace and I (incog.) was reading to the satisfaction of all out of my Golden Legend, that about the wine cellar and the poor box producing much pleasure. But before I left they began to think over it. They had thought I was all right before and recommended me to their nieces, but things are changed now, and on the first hearing I am to be condemned too.

I began to quote from Adam S. Victor, (*Ecce dies celebris*):

From the cross's pole of glory,
Flows the must of ancient story
In the church's wine-vat stored.

From the press, now trodden duly,
Gentle first-fruits gathered newly,
Drink the precious liquor poured.

and, being full of church hymnody, was going on—but it was useless. So Master Grip trifle no more.

Yours in haste,
H. W. LONGFELLOW.

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