

An Anonymous Letter That Was Answered

Dr. F. W. Norwood, of the City Temple, tells about an anonymous letter in his article entitled, "At the Temple Gate," contributed to the Evening World. It is a terse incision that speaks for itself. Here is the story:—

My challenge came through the letter. It was anonymous. I know all the bitter things that may be said about anonymous correspondence, and I occasionally myself sat down to write, and thought much more than I intended, but this one pointed imperiously towards my pulpit. This was the burden of it:—

I have attended the City Temple for over two years. I may say I tell the Temple one Sunday evening, was out of work, a family of four children to keep, no work, no money, no prospects and no roof. I determined to end such an existence on Sunday night. I am not what you religious by any means, but God seek. However, instead of the way I found myself, how I do not know, in the City Temple. The text of the sermon, was "God's Way for Personality." No work, rent no food. It was a beautiful sermon, although it touched myself on the nose.

Since then I have found work at starvation rate, but I am still seeking the Kingdom of God. I heard the sermon last Sunday, but I cannot find the Kingdom by myself. Commercialism, or business, as they call it, God pity and forgive such mockery, rogues and forgery—that will give me peace. The words ring in my ears on the bus, in the Tube, everywhere. "Seek the Kingdom!" "Where is it?" Preach, dear pastor, preach where it is. I cannot give you my address as I am not in such enough circumstances to see you. You would be bound to see me, how I should welcome a homely talk with you. But I will mentally communicate with you next Sunday, when you are in the pulpit.

I swept my eyes over my great congregation. Could they sit there worshipping God, cool and comfortable, knowing as I did that there was among them one whom they knew was poor in all its bitter meanings? There were not one of them who needed a workman, a coachman, a gardener, a handyman? Was there not one of them who had accumulated stores of wealth from which he might relieve a brother's necessities? It was monstrous that my friend should say, "I am too poor to see you. I cannot give you my address, for you would come round to see me, and I am not in good enough circumstances to see you." My friend had a right to stand up and in the garments of his poverty and to say, "I command that the Kingdom of God be suspended this Sabbath night until the law of brotherhood be fulfilled."

"I said to him, flinging my words into that most desolate of all cities which is created by a sea of heat. My friend, you cannot see the Kingdom clearly because it is within you. You do not come into it as men come into Middlesex or Surrey, but you come into it as men come into it."

"I said Paul interpreting his Master's words, 'is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.' For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of man." "While you have been seeking the Kingdom, the Kingdom has sought and found you. When you said, honestly as I believe, that 'if you had the word of the earth you would exchange it without hesitation,' there was handed to you the Freedom of the Kingdom. It is necessary that you believe

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suit, good lawyers, lawyers devoted to the larger interests of their clients, lawyers conscious of their responsibility as members of the court, would have found ways to make the Rhinelanders realize what the case would lead them into. It is the first business of a lawyer to give his client sound advice, and to save him if need be from ruining himself. The Rhinelanders family did not get that advice. They got, instead, the public derision

realities of the affair lie in a realm of feeling of which the actors themselves were hardly aware, which the wisest doctor and the most discerning priest would need years to explore before they could half understand it. The attachment was a pitiable thing, the horrible confusion of a sexually uneducated boy and a socially uneducated girl with great and social position and an uncertain racial standard and a kind of weird respect for happiness.

ment. But the lawyers were not emotionally involved. They could have kept their heads, and if they were any good they could and would have talked like a Dutch uncle to these pathetic people stumbling to their ruin. They should have led them to adjust the matter out of court.

at interest, the legal system and the public spectators. That way is to have them handled privately by men of understanding and of honor. And people will intrust themselves less readily to litigious lawyers when it is well understood that the occasional case of this kind is likely to occur only when men fall into the hands of the wrong lawyers.

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Further reference to the ad will show that the Management are ever ready to live up to their slogan "the best obtainable," as in the ad they announce to-day they have secured the rights for Newfoundland for "The Ten Commandments," and in doing so from what little we know we agree here is a picture the very name of which must mean a lot. It is a picture which has been endorsed from the pulpit by all denominations. We have been informed on the best of authority, that a certain Clergyman has said that if that picture ever comes to Newfoundland he would advise all he knew to see it. This was said to a friend of his when both were witnessing it in Brooklyn last spring. A well known merchant of this city, in speaking to a member of the Star Movie sometime ago, remarked that we should get "The Ten Commandments, and on being asked about it he said he had seen it and it was beyond description. Never in his life had he been so impressed with such a work, and he said at any cost it should be brought and exhibited in Newfoundland.

In making those statements, the Management wishes to say they are absolute facts, and the names of the persons mentioned can be obtained at any time. In the picture are such stars as Richard Dix, Theodore Roberts (Moses), Rod LaRoque, Leatrice Joy and Estelle Taylor, whilst the producer is none other than the great Cecil B. DeMille. Definite dates of exhibition are not yet known, but we voice the sentiment of the general public when we hope it will not be till after New Year so that all then will have the opportunity of witnessing it.

Lord Leith's Death Recalls Ancient Curse

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 7 (Can. Press)—In connection with the death of Lord Leith of Fyvie on November 14, a "curse" which is said to have been laid on Fyvie Castle long years ago is recalled. Lord Leith was found dead in bed at Harkwell House, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Lord Leith, who was 78, was Alexander Forbes-Leith, the son of Rear-Admiral John Leith, and joined the Navy himself at the age of 13.

Twelve years later when he was a lieutenant on the Zealous lying in San Francisco Harbour, he met at a dance Miss Mary January, daughter of a wealthy American steel magnet. He married her, left the Navy, and joined his father-in-law. Later he became a director of big steel companies in the Western States, entered into partnership with Andrew Carnegie, and eventually became chairman of the Federal Steel Company.

Then having added an immense fortune to that of his wife, he returned to this country and realized the dream of his life by buying Fyvie Castle the seat of his ancestors. In 1905, Mr. Alexander Forbes-Leith became Lord of Fyvie.

Attached to the castle is the legend of a curse, laid on it by the Scots poet and prophet, Thomas the Rhymer. He visited the Castle disguised as a beggar and was turned from the doors. In his anger he declared that no heir of Fyvie should ever be succeeded by a son and the prophecy has been fulfilled to this day.

Lord Leith never married. His only son died during the South African war, and his grandson was killed in action in 1914. The latter was the son of Colonel C. R. Burn, Ex-M.P., for Torquay, who married Lord Leith's daughter.

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