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**TO THE TAXPAYERS OF ALA-
MANCE COUNTY.**

It would seem from the way your
losses (supposed to be your public
servants) act that they do not know
whether the big business firm, com-
posed of Alamance County tax payers
is making or losing money as be-
tween the old fee system and the new
salary system, either they do not
know, do not care, or that they in-
tend to do something wrong with the
amount saved, if anything is saved.
In plain English they do not want
you to know how your affairs are
managed, whether you as taxpayers
are losing money by having your
county officers placed upon salary or
whether you are saving money, and
if saving how much you are saving
and if losing how much you are
losing. They are your financial
managers and yet they will not tell
you how your business is conducted,
and whether it is paying you or not.
This stiffness, this inaction, this se-
crecy is there something behind it
that you are entitled to know, is there
some reason why you should not know
how your affairs are managed? Are
you as taxpayers satisfied with the
way your affairs are conducted? Do
you believe this secrecy concerning
the salary and fee system is for your
best interests as tax payers? Are
you willing to trust people who are
not willing to trust you with the know-
ledge of your own affairs? Your coun-
ty officers have been upon the salary
system now for two years or
more? Have you ever had a report as
to how the system is working? Are
you losing money by this new system
or are you making each year? If
you are losing how much are you los-
ing? Would you as tax payers like
to know, if you would there is a way.
Some one is responsible. Do you
know who that some one is? If
you do not know there is a way to
know this also. You have a county
attorney. It is his business to see
that you are informed in regard to
how your county officers conduct their
business. Ask him whose duty it is
to tell you how your financial affairs
are conducted? Whose duty it is to
tell you how you are making or los-
ing money as between salaries and
fees. Other counties make these re-
ports. Your sister county of Guilford
makes them every year. Your county
never makes them. Ask yourself why.
Then ask yourself the remedy. And
when you learn the remedy apply it.

There is going to be a campaign
this fall. Some one will be seeking
votes. They will be shaking hands,
patting you on your back, telling you
what a good fellow you are. This
same fellow is now holding office be-
cause of votes received at your hands.
This same fellow wants to hold office
again from votes received at your
hands, and yet he will not tell you
how your business is being conducted.
This same fellow is running your bus-
iness, handling your money, receiving
good salary for doing this, and yet
he does not want you to know how
your business is being run. Do you
want this fellow to continue to run
your business, or would you prefer
some one who will tell you how he is
conducting your affairs?

An immediate crisis, as 'twere.—
Greensboro News.

The survivors will long remember
June, 1914.—Greensboro News.

Attention, Democrats!

Dear economical Democratic friend,
we pray thee listen to the following
for Collier's Weekly on the Demo-
cratic platform, 1912. Read and
the truth presents itself:
"The vulnerable point of the Demo-
cratic party in the Congressional elec-
tions this fall lies in the following
quotation from their platform of 1912:
"We denounce the profligate waste
of the money wrung from the people
by oppressive taxation through the
lavish appropriations of recent Re-
publican Congresses, which have kept
taxes high and reduced the purchasing
power of the people's toil. We de-
mand a return to the simplicity and
economy which befits a democratic
government."

"In face of this plan the present
Democratic Congress has been the
most wantonly wasteful in the history
of the Federal Government. If we
were in charge of the anti-Democratic
campaign this fall we would set the
statisticians and the investigators busy
upon the Democratic "pork" bills and
compare our campaign to them. Al-
though it wasn't merely wanton wastefulness,
it comes near being larceny on the
part of individual members, for they
are taking the money with a private
motive—to buy their way back to
Congress with public money."

Newspaper Men Need More Gospel.

Kansas City, Mo., July 2.—Educa-
tion of newspaper and magazine writ-
ers in the teachings of Jesus is one
of the first tasks before the Church
people of this country. S. Eber Price,
president of the Ottawa, Kansas, Uni-
versity, declared today at the con-
vention of the Baptist Young People's
Union of America, and the Baptist
Young People's Union of the South.
"Our task is to seek out these men
and women," said Mr. Price. "And
train them in the proper way. Reli-
gion will be a determining element
in their lives and they will be a tre-
mendous influence for 'Christianity.'"
The Rev. R. L. Wimburn, of Louis-
ville, Ky., declared spirituality was
entering into business more than ever
before.

"Men everywhere now are called
on to answer the question 'Is it right?'
Instead of 'Is it profitable?' " he said.
"Even in governmental affairs, the
'dollar diplomacy' is about to be dis-
counted and our Christian President,
for the first time in the history of
national life, has raised the question
'Is it right?' instead of 'Is it profit-
able?'—and this in the Panama Can-
al embroglio."

A Free Scholarship.

Any young man or woman who is
a bona fide patron of this paper may
secure free instruction in Music or
Elocution.

The Ithaca Conservatory of Music,
with the desire to stimulate the study
of these arts, offers two scholarships
to applicants from the State of North
Carolina, valued at \$100 each and good
for the term of seventeen weeks be-
ginning with the opening of the school
year, September 17, 1914, in any of
the following departments: Voice, Vi-
olin, Piano and Elocution.

These scholarships are awarded upon
competition which is open to any-
one desiring a musical or literary edu-
cation.

Anyone wishing to enter the com-
petition or desiring information
should write to Mr. George C. Wil-
liams, General Manager of the Ithaca
Conservatory of Music, Ithaca, N. Y.,
before September 1, 1914.

He knows enough, the mariner, who
knows

Where lurk the shelves, and where
the whirlpools boil.

What signs portend the storm: to
subtler minds

He leaves to scan, from what myster-
ious cause

Charybis rages in the Ionian wave;
Whence those impetuous currents in
the main

Which neither oar nor sail can stem;
and why

The roughening deep expects the
storm as sure

As red Orion mounts the shrouded
heaven.

Those suffrage ladies should bear
in mind that circumstances alter
cases.—Greensboro News.

A STRANGE LETTER.

Mr. W. A. Phillips Asks That it Be
Published—Said to Have Been
Written by Christ.

A great many times during the past
year The Dispatch has been requested
to publish a strange letter, said to
have been written by Christ and signed
by the Angel Gabriel and deposited
under a stone on the Mount of Cruci-
fixion. The Dispatch has refused to
do this, believing that publication
would help along a fake and serve to
disturb the minds of others of sus-
tained readers, but owing to the fact that
many of these desiring publication of
the letter have shown real distress at
our refusal we are going to publish
it just as Mr. Phillips sends it in.

THE LAST TIME.

We serve notice on our readers here
and now that the letter will not be
published again in this time is not for
Mr. Phillips alone, but for all our
readers who are interested in the let-
ter and all who may become interest-
ed in it. Remember this "publication"
is for YOU.

MEANING OF PUBLISH.

Referring to the letter you will note
that you are commanded to "publish"
the letter. When that letter was said
to have been written, 99 years after
the Crucifixion, there were no news-
papers and "publication" as we un-
derstand it, was impossible.

Now the word "publish" has more
than one meaning. Printing the letter
in a newspaper is only one way of
publishing it. Publish means to
"make public; to make known to man-
kind or people in general; to make
known by posting or reading." See
Webster's dictionary.

You can "publish" this letter by
word of mouth. You can write it and
"publish" by posting in a public
place. You can "publish" by reading
it in church. So, if you feel called
upon to "publish" this letter, don't
impose upon a friendly newspaper.
Use one of the other methods of pub-
lishing it.

Here is Mr. Phillips' letter:

Newspapers throughout the United
States are printing what is alleged
to be a letter written by Christ. In
this 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. There was
likewise a promise that whoever may
have a copy of this in his or her
possession will prosper and be followed
by good fortune. According to the
history of the letter it was written
by Christ just after his crucifixion,
signed by the Angel Gabriel, ninety-
nine years after the Savior's birth
and presumably deposited by him un-
der a stone at the foot of the cross.
On this stone appeared the following,
"Whosoever shall have a copy of this
letter shall be blessed. I will have that
day kept holy that your sins may be
forgiven you."

"Whosoever works on the Sabbath
day shall be cursed. I command you
to go to church and keep hold of the
Lord's day without any manner of
work. You shall not idle and mis-
pend your time in bedecking your-
self 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 any command-
ments, but observe and keep them,
they being written by my hand, and
spoken from my mouth. You shall
not only go to church yourself, but
also your man servant and maid ser-
vant. Observe my words and learn
my commandments.

"You shall finish your work every
Saturday at six o'clock in the after-
noon at which hour the preparation
for the Sabbath begins. I advise you
to fast five days in the year begin-
ning on Good Friday and continuing
the five days following in remem-
brance at the five bloody wounds I re-
ceived for you and mankind. You
shall love one another and cause them
that are not baptized to come to
church and receive the Holy Sacra-

ment, that is to say baptism and then
the supper of the Lord, and be made
a member thereof, and in so doing I
will give you long life and many bless-
ings. Your land shall be replenished
and bring forth in abundance and I
will comfort you in the greatest tempta-
tion and surely he that doeth to the
contrary shall be cursed. I will also
send hardness at the heart on them
and especially on hardened and im-
penitent unbelievers. He that hath
given to the poor, shall and it profit-
eth? Remember to keep the Sabbath
day, for the seventh day I have taken
as a resting day unto myself. And
be that hath a copy of this letter
written by my own hand and spoken
by my own mouth and kepteth it
without publishing it to others shall
not prosper, but he that publishes it
to others shall be blessed by me and
if their sin be as many as stars by
night, and if they truly believe they
shall be pardoned and they that be-
lieve not this writing and my com-
mandments will have my plagues up-
on you and you will be consumed with
your children, goods and cattle and
all other worldly enjoyments that I
have given you.

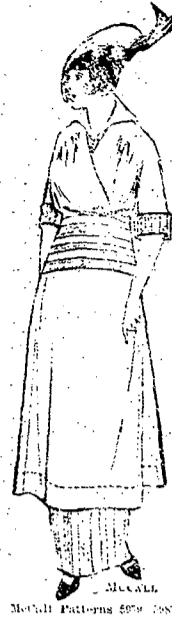
"Do but once think of what I have
suffered for you, if you do, it will be
well for you in this world and in the
world to come.

"Whosoever shall have a copy of
this letter and keep it in their house,
nothing shall hurt them, neither pes-
tilence, thunder nor lightning, and if
any woman be in birth and put her
trust in me, she shall be delivered of
her child. You shall hear no more
rewards of me except through the Holy
Scriptures until the day of judgment.
All goodness and prosperity shall be
in the house where a copy of this let-
ter shall be found. Finished."

The story goes that the little child
who found it passed to one who be-
came a convert to the Christian faith.
He failed to have the letter published.
He kept it however as a sacred me-
moro of Christ and it passed down
to different generations of his fam-
ily for more than one thousand years.

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During this period suffered repeated
misfortunes, moved to different coun-
tries 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, Mrs.
Thompson, giving her the letter and
relating its history for more than one
thousand years. The Thompson wom-
an began to attempt to have it pub-
lished and it first appeared in the
Home, Ga., Tribune, on October 31,
1891. It then appeared in the Dalton,
Ga., Citizen, and Mrs. Wartman now
living in Mason, Ind., clipped it and

kept it in her possession for many
years without an effort to have it pub-
lished. She was followed by misfor-
tune which she attributed to her neg-
lect in trying to have the letter pub-
lished.

Mrs. Ruby Crutchfield, of Treza-
vant, Tenn., is also 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 mis-
fortunes which she attributed to the
fact of her neglect in this respect.

W. A. Phillips.

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patch, July 1, 1914.

Pluvius, J.—Greensboro News.

FARMS FOR SALE!

165 acre farm, two miles, West of Mebane, N. C., fronting on Public road for 1/2 mile, good 6-room two story residence, good feed and stock barn, well watered with ever flowing streams and adjoining Back Creek, about 65 acres in open cultivation, 50 acres open land is chocolate loam, balance red and gray soil, and a good Graded School adjoins this farm. This is a good farm for grain, grasses, cotton or tobacco and abundance of wood and good market for same at \$2.25 per cord at Mebane, N. C. We will sell this farm for \$3,500.00.

122 acre farm, 2 1/2 miles South of Mebane, N. C., located on new Graded road from Mebane, to Swepsonville, being macadamized from Mebane out to within 1/2 mile of this farm also within 1/2 mile of Hawfields Church and Graded School, new 5-room frame cot-tage painted white, also large new feed and stock barn with six stalls and drive way through same. All of this farm lays well and can be cultivated with machinery, about 40 acres in open cultivation, balance in woodland, pine and oak, 30 or 40 acres under wire fence, well watered with several ever flowing streams, also good well of water at residence, about half of this farm is red soil balance gray and a good farm for grain, grasses, cotton truck or tobacco. We will sell this farm for \$3,000.00.

125 acre farm 1/2 miles South of Mebane, N. C., located on Public road, about 50 acres in open cultivation, balance in woodland, pine and oak, 1/2 of this farm is red soil, balance gray, good 6-room, two story residence, newly painted, very good barn, fairly good orchard of apples and peaches, well watered with two ever flowing streams, also good well of water on back porch of residence 1/2 Graded School within 1/2 mile of this farm. This is a good farm for grain, grasses, cotton or tobacco. We will sell this farm for \$3,500.00.

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