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Administratrix. By R. H. Smith, Jr., Atty.

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Aug. 29th, 1882.

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HER LETTER.

A RELIC OF THE "HURON."

We walked at night the wreck strewn sand. We storked and watched the dying work; With eager eyes and ready hand We sought to find some sea-tossed form.

And as we walked, the guard and I, The tide crept out, till broad and gray The shingled sand shown smooth and dry.

From out this scattered wreckage waste I stopped and picked a little note; A faint monogram was traced Above the lines the owner wrote:

"My darling," but it gave no name, As if he only of mankind To such sweet title had a claim;

"Was written full and crossed again, All interred with a bitter thought; 'Twas spiced 'er with saltier stain Than 'e'en the sea could yet have wrought.

"My darling," there a fold was pressed, The words just here were fainter yet, As though 'twere borne upon his breast, A prize and sacred amulet.

Anon, she wrote her hopes and fears, Of life's fortune a snare or crown, Of home-like joys in coming years, When they were won and settled down.

And so this unknown maiden wrote Her loving letter to its end, And hid beneath the waves world float Her writing to a stranger's hand.

Somewhere to-night a girl's face Is raised to God in mute despair; Somewhere a woman prays for grace And strength of soul her loan to bear.

Somewhere along the watery coast Her hopes lie buried in the sand, While this tells of the lover's lost, This sea-scented letter in my hand.

OLD YEAR CELEBRITIES. No. 4.

Rossetti, the Painter-Poet.

The reporter with the scythe and song-glass was busy last year in the field of letters to an extent that prevents even the high thinking from ever trusting to his indulgence.

In a summary view of Rossetti it would be difficult to say at what age the waning magnetism of his mind died.

Major—W. A. Dunn. Commissioners—Noah Biggs, J. R. Ballard, K. M. Johnson, J. Y. Savage.

CHURCHES: Baptist—J. D. Durham, D. D., Pastor. Services every Sunday at 11 o'clock.

CHURCHES: Primitive Baptist—Eld. Andrew Moore, Pastor. Services every third Saturday and Sunday morning.

CONVY.

Superior Court Clerk and Probate Judge—John T. Gregory.

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