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Max L. Millison, Leonardtown, Md.

Sept 10—02

(Written for the Beacon.) A LOST HEART.

TO ONE WHO WILL UNDERSTAND.

A trinket made like a heart dear, Of red gold bright and fine, Was given to me for a keepsake, Was given to me for mine.

And another heart warm and tender, As true as a heart could be, And every throb that stirred it, Was always and all for me.

Sailing over life's waters, Watching the far blue land, I dropped my golden heart, dear, Dropped it out of my hand.

It lies in the cold, blue waters, Fathoms and fathoms deep, The golden heart that I promised, Promised to prize and keep.

Gazing at life's bright visions, So false, so fair and new, I lost the other heart, dear, Lost it, but love it true.

Yes, will love that heart forever, Though it has proved in vain; And for one short careless hour I pray with a life of pain.

Yet when at night I kneel to pray, I'll think of the one I love, And though he is so far away I trust to meet him above.

—TWIN CHERRIES.

(Written for the Beacon.) THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

In the "Baltimore Sunday Sun" of March 15th appeared an article copyrighted by Mr. W. R. Hearst. Its opening paragraph is as follows:

According to the calculation of Mr. David Forbes, of London, the wonder of the ages so closely connected with Christian History and tradition, the Star of Bethlehem, whose light led the wise men of the East to the cradle of Christ in the manger, can be scientifically accounted for, and thus another Biblical miracle is accepted and explained by modern science. It then goes on to say this calculation, if proved, would fix the exact birth of the Saviour eleven years earlier than the so-called Christian Era.

It appears, according to Mr. Forbes, of London, that the Halley comet has made its appearance, according to careful and minute astronomical calculations, at periods of 75 to 77 years. From the beginning of time, agreeable to his calculations, it will appear again in 1911. It seems, also, that the Chinese made notes or kept a record of this great Celestial Visitor many hundreds or perhaps thousands of years before the birth of our Saviour. Then, agreeable to those solons of modern science, there was no miracle in the star recorded by St. Matthew, only a comet. Well, how we have been deceived. Now, who knows but what some modern scientist, hidden away in some dark corner of the world, even with iron bands about his head, who may at some future day break loose in cyclopic fury and sweep away all the sacred truths revealed in the Holy Bible!

Note the above remarks (and thus another Biblical miracle has been accounted for) and he might have added, though not to the minds of a God-loving and God-fearing people, only to those who prefer to drop the Bible out of sight for their own convenience and motives, and thus think for themselves, minus any moral guide.

I will leave my readers to decide that for themselves. If the devil, the promoter of all evil, could only succeed in getting the Holy Bible out of his way, what a harvest of destruction would crown his efforts; but not so, that great tower of Christian consolation has withstood the violent storms and attacks for centuries, prompted by the black Moloch of the infernal regions. Where are his mighty generals and hosts of long ago? They have perished and gone—so will these of today—so will others to come, and the Holy Bible, only a book, yet stands out boldly proclaiming the words of the loving Redeemer. Thus will it ever remain without stain or blemish, the guiding star leading us on to an endless happiness beyond the grave.

To all modern science, all the writings of infidels and pagan philosophy, who believe in the Holy Bible, can say to such as you, we boldly defiance, so proceed with your modern science.

First, allow me to say to those modern science solons that I will most certainly take sides with that good book, the Bible, and now I will ask my readers to go back with me to the Star of Bethlehem. I would say to all who believe in the Bible to refer to St. Matthew, 2nd chapter, 1st to 10th verse, and to those who do not, I would refer to 33rd Psalm of David. St. Matthew says, "And no human power on earth can successfully dispute the great man of God."

When the Magi or wise men came to Jerusalem they inquired "where is he that is born King of the Jews, we have seen his star in the East?" (I beg to say that I will not employ the exact words of St. Matthew, you can find them as stated above).

The designing old King Herod's evil misgivings and sad forebodings was much, and the people with him; for he knew that the sceptre which he held in his trembling hand would soon fall therefrom, never to rise again in Israel. So far he had heard from the chief priests and scribes that according to a prophecy of old that Christ was to be born in Bethlehem, "and thou Bethlehem in the land of Judah art not the least among the Princes in the land of Judah, for out of thee shall come a governor that shall rule my people in Israel."

Herod then commanded them to go and search diligently for the Child, that he, too, might go and worship him; so when the wise men retraced their steps and went out of the city they saw the star again. Now the sacred writings are silent as to what time the Magi entered the city, or how long they remained, but quite reasonable to suppose, that they came from far in the East, only judging from their own words, "We have seen the star in the East," which must have been far to eastward of Jerusalem. Therefore, admitting such to be the case, they must have needed rest after their long journey; and furthermore, it is not to be supposed an alert man like Herod would go hurriedly over the prophecy as to where the King of the Jews should be born. It was a matter of too much importance to him to be the dupe of mistakes.

No doubt then that much care and deliberation was brought to bear in the case. It may have taken only a few hours, or it may have taken days, as there was no printing at that time; only Hebrew manuscript was in use in Jerusalem at least. How if only a few hours or a few days, what became of the comet? How did it in the meantime conceal its brilliancy? I would suppose that a comet of such magnitude as to be seen at noonday would be a hard thing to hide at night, unless someone had it thoroughly drilled, so as to appear and disappear at command.

If such a game was worked, there is nothing as yet mentioned as to who did it, but perhaps those modern science men know and want tell. Then again, I want to know why it was that a star or comet of such wonderful brilliancy could not have been seen by the unwise as well as the wise, and why did that great comet come out of its diurnal course across the heavens and go fifteen miles in a southeast direction to where stood Bethlehem, and there stand still, marking the exact spot or location of the manger, in which was lying "Christ, the son of the living God?" Would Mr. Forbes or Mr. Hearst kindly answer all these questions? Just a few more which I would like to have answered. Inasmuch as the birth of the Saviour was the most important to us of all the great events that have occurred since the creation of the world, why was it not perfectly in accordance with the great works of God that the greatest of miracles should also occur.

So far as the star was concerned, the wise men only saw it; it was only intended they should see it. When King Saul was much troubled in heart as to the results of the great battle of Gibeon, in which he shed his own life's blood, he procured the service of the Witch of Endor to call up from the tomb the spirit of Samu- el the First, in which Saul saw no one, but heard the voice of Samuel; the witch saw him and described him to Saul. (Read King Saul, Old Testament. One saw; the other heard).

So with the Star of Bethlehem, as it was a part of the great and mysterious programme ordained by our Heavenly Father; the Magi saw it, none other did. Was the star any more of a mystery, in which you seem to take delight in shadowing with doubt, than many other wonderfully strange and mysterious things which the Holy Bible teems

both in the Old as well as the New Testament? And permit me gentlemen of modern science to ask a few questions contained in the Old.

What was it Moses saw and heard when minding the flocks of Israel? The Old Testament says he saw a burning bush, out of which there came the voice of the Lord, commanding him to bring the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. There were others besides him. Did any one else hear the voice or see the burning bush? What say you?

What was the trouble of the sun, at Ajalon, when it stood still for two hours at the wish of Joshua? Had the pillar of fire which led the children of Israel across the plains of Lotoplis on their dismal march to Bala-phon, on the shores of the Red Sea, anything to do with the Halley comet?

How about the falling of the walls of Jerico at the blasting of trumpets? If there were no such thing as a miracle there must have been some tall blowing, but you know, as all reasonable men do, that the miraculous hand of the Almighty was manifested there, as it was with the Star of Bethlehem. Would you also tell us something about the ascent of Elijah in a chariot of fire? Let us hope the great Patriarch of old did not get mixed up with the Halley comet. What was that with which the angel seared the lips of the great Prophet Isaiah? Was it really a live coal or did the angel manage to chip off a little piece of the Halley comet?

I will now leave the Old Testament with its many miracles, too tedious to enumerate here, and in closing this article will mention a few in the New.

When the time had come, according to prophecy for the coming of our Saviour, Zachary, a Levite, was burning incense at the golden altar when suddenly an angel stood to the right of the altar and announced to him that his wife Elizabeth, now long passed that time of life, should bear him a son, saying his name shall be "John." As might be supposed the Levite had doubts "how shall I know these things?" and for that reason the lips of the good old priest were sealed, but in due time Elizabeth brought forth a son. When on the eighth day the child was to be circumcised, a disagreement arose as to what his name should be, so after many suggestions as to his name, Elizabeth turned to Zachary, her husband, and by signs inquired of him what his name should be. He took his tablet and wrote thereon, "his name shall be John." Instantly his tongue was loosed and he rejoiced with the rest. Could any but God have sealed his tongue? Could any but a God have restored his speech? But yet, stranger than all, that the most high God should allow His most Holy Son to flash from His bosom and be born of woman and take human form and nature and thus become an object of scorn and derision.

How many most astounding wonders and miracles did He perform beyond the reach of human understanding? Take for instance the changing of water into wine at the marriage feast at Cana in Galilee; giving sight to the blind man of Jericho; cleansing the Lepers, restoring to life the son of the widow of Naim; also, calling to life Lazarus, of Bethany, who had been dead four days.

Christ, the Son of the Living God, after going through all kinds of toil, all manner of hardships (for He said the Son of Man has not whereon to lay his head) is then betrayed and given over to a merciless mob, nailed to a cross between two malefactors. What followed? When he yielded up His soul to His Father, Who gave it, darkness settled upon the earth; the earth trembled and heaved, the very rocks burst asunder; skeletons with fiery eyes in their sockets mingled with the mob; people ran terror-stricken in all directions, and some of the hardened wretches were forced to cry out: "Indeed, this man was Christ, the Son of God!"

Now, the greatest of all miracles is that after He was taken down from the cross and buried, on the third day He arose in eternal brightness and everlasting glory, unlocking the gates of Heaven, driving the devils back into hell and lifting forever the black pall of paganism that hung everywhere before the eyes of man.

So, now gentlemen, I mean you of modern science, the article in the Sun, of March 15, 1903, has not left a scar on the Star of Bethlehem. It holds the same high position it did before, as part of the great and incomprehensible plans of the Great Jehovah, and ever will to the end of time.

In conclusion, I would ask you to explain away if you can, according to your rule any or all of the great mysteries I have laid before you, and would say, you must first disprove the Holy Bible, which you never can.

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A Queer Will.

Among the queer documents to be found occasionally in the below will which is furnished us by an esteemed subscriber. The will purports to be that of one Timothy Daloney and reads as follows:

In the name of God, Amen. I Timothy Daloney, of Barrydown-derry in the County of Clare, Farmer, being sick and weak in melegs, but of sound head and warm heart, glory be to God, do make this my first and last will, the old and new testament.

First, I give my soul to God when it pleases Him to take it, sure no thanks to me for I can't help it this, and my body to be buried in the ground of Barrydown-derry Chapee where all my kith and kin have gone before me and those that live after belonging to me are buried pace to their ashes and may the sod rest lightly over their bones. Bury me near my god-father, Phelix O'Flaoherty, betwixt and between him and my father and mother who lie separate altogether at the other side of the Chaple yard.

I leave the bit of ground containing ten acres, rare old Irish acres, to me eldest son, Tim, after the death of his mother, should she survive him.

My daughter, Mary, and her husband, Paddy O'Bryan, are to get the white sow with her twelve Bonifs.

Teddy, my second boy, that was killed in the war of Ameriky might have got his pick of the poultry, but as he has gone, I leave him to his wife who died a wake before him.

I bequeath to all mankind the fresh air of heaven, all fishes and birds of the air they can shoot and I leave them also the sun, moon and stars.

I leave to Peter Rafferty a pint of whiskey I can't finish and Gawd have mercy on his soul.

his Timothy X Daloney, mark

How Many Apples.

If puzzles are getting scarce in New York, says the London correspondence of the New York Times possibly some of the expert guessers would like to try at the following:

Three boys go gathering apples. They arrive home late at night with a bagful, and, after agreeing to divide it equally, go to bed. During the night one of them wakes up, and, feeling hungry, goes to the bag, divides the apples into three equal portions, and finds there is one over, which he throws away. He eats his own and goes back to bed. Later on the second boy also wakes up, and goes through a similar procedure, as also does the third afterward, both of them, like the first, throwing away an odd apple. In morning the three boys divided the remainder of the apples equally, and again find one over, which they throw away. How many apples were there originally?

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On The Sabbath.

"Tommy, stop that noise, and come here to me," said Mrs. Pham-ley. "Do you know whose day this is?"

"Yes, ma'am," replied Tommy, promptly.

"Whose is it?"

"Bridget's. Mary Ann was out last Sunday."—Philadelphia Press.

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