

LETTER FROM DR. NORRIS TO HIS YOUNGEST SON

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(Hotel and Restaurant)
Marble Arch,
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Dear George:

We are all packed ready to go to Holland. We drive in car to Channel and then are met with car on the other side and will spend enough time to see that historic land. I am better off than the ex-Kaiser of Germany. I can go through and out of Holland, but he has to stay there.

We have had a most marvelous time. We drove from the landing at Southampton to London. Spent three days here and drove with the Troups to Scotland. How we did enjoy that wonderful little land that has influenced the world more than any other land outside of Palestine.

To visit the birth places and homes of Bobby Burns, Thomas Carlyle, and Abbotsford, the home of Sir Walter Scott, and what preachers, theologians and missionaries Scotland has given to the world—John Knox, the Holy Rutherford, Robert McCheyne, Thomas Chalmers, David Livingstone, and military geniuses and statesmen from Wallace and Bruce to Douglas Haig.

The Imperial Airways cancelled our tickets from London to Hong Kong on account of war conditions.

But through the influence of Mr. H. S. Cooper of the Ford Motor Company, together with the American Ambassador, we got passage on "Air France" line.

We follow the same schedule as published in The Fundamentalist.

We drive in car from Holland to Naples, where we take plane. Our missionaries, Dr. Robert Dugbarry and Brother Fred Buhler, also others meet us in Paris. This is as fine a group of ministers and missionaries as can be found on all the earth. I hope to be able to enlist a greater support for them when I return. How wonderful if everyone of this fine group of missionaries all over France, Switzerland and Spain should be adopted by the churches in America.

This is real mission work. These churches are small but strong for the same faith to which we hold, and stand against terrible odds.

The main purpose of our trip is to be of help to our missionaries around the world.

I know war conditions look awful and the conflagration may burst out all around the world at any moment. But we neither one are concerned the least bit. God is here as well as in America. It means so much to make this long trip just at this time of the world's greatest crisis. And what a rest and change for us both.

Your Mother is enjoying every bit of it!

We have had to be separated so much during the last four years. We are so glad of the chance to be alone and travel together for these weeks. She is the best of traveling champions. She is so well informed and prepared to appreciate these lands and peoples.

I was fortunate in getting into Parliament today. The American Ambassador can give only four passes a day. The House of Com-

ENJOYED A REAL SERMON

To have fellowship with ministers of like precious faith is a little bit of heaven on earth. For two hours and more at a luncheon I enjoyed such a fellowship with Drs. Charles Fisher and John Wilmott, pastors, Lansdowne Hall and Highgate Baptist Church respectively. I told Dr. Wilmott I was coming to hear him preach provided he would let me sit in the audience and not even recognize me. He told his audience at the close of the service that it was no small task that he kept his promise.

It was the first sermon I have heard in a long long time. Dr. Wilmott's text was I Timothy 1:15-16, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting." Best proof that a sermon is ef-

fective are the results, both visible and invisible. I am not very strong on invisible results. So many hide their failures behind "invisible results." But here is one case, of invisible results of the right kind.

It was a blessing to my own soul. I am going to preach a sermon—maybe several—on this same text. I get my sermons out of "brooks and stones", out of, or, from other men. One of the happiest messages I ever delivered, I got from Baalam (not that pussy-footing fundamentalist who stayed with Balak's machine, but an old negro janitor of the First Baptist Church.)

Dr. Wilmott has far more enthusiasm than the average English preacher. He is really eloquent. His message was bold, both destructive and constructive. He called names of betrayers of the true faith and they were persons living today, and living in London!

I have asked, and he has consented to take the lid off the conspiracy to corrupt Baptists with the leaven of the modernists.

His articles will open the eyes of orthodox Baptists of America

as to how certain well known Jehoshaphats have gone over to the Philistines. The real Baptists of America are going to see how "Birds of a feather," etc:

Talk about sensation—it will be an earthquake, several earthquakes.

Dr. Wilmott had a fine congregation. He has a magnificent building and strategically located right in the best portion of greater London's eight million.

I have a number of invitations for special meetings, and one of them will be with Dr. Wilmott. The Lord willing I hope to give three months' special services next year to England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

Amon Carter Captures London

Old staid conservative London! and yet an erstwhile newsboy on the streets of Fort Worth crossed the Atlantic with a load of newspaper publishers on the Yankee Clipper—Came, saw, conquered. Of course he was in his Texas regalia, ten gallon hat, boots, etc. The London newspapers ran big stories and life size pictures of my fellow townsman. My breast swelled with pardonable pride as my London friends read and commented. Amon Carter is an individualist, a builder—a success in making a great city of 200,000 out of a cow camp, and it is just beginning.

When a visitor asked somebody, "Who is Sir Christopher Wren?" The answer was, "Look at St. Paul's Cathedral."

Who is Amon Carter? The answer is, "Look at Fort Worth." Just a little taffy now and less epi-taffy later on.

A city is judged by the men it produces, not by the amounts of bank deposits.

TOURING HOLLAND

We arrived on the "Amsterdam," from Harwich, England, at "The Hook" Holland on Tuesday morning July 18th. Otto was on the dock with a new Lincoln Zephyr for my wife and she was kind enough to let me go along to pay the bills.

Andrew Carnegie's Peace Palace

Our first stop was at The Hague. Many interesting things about this city. It is the home of "The World Court," which is the back door to the ill-fated League of Nations. Andrew Carnegie meant well when he gave, all told, ten million dollars to the building equipping and endowing of "The Peace Palace."

It reminds me of the Tower of Babel, the site of which we will see in a few days. Both buildings were futile—No God!

John Robinson and the Pilgrim Fathers

We drove to John Robinson's Church in Haarlem (Harlem, New York named for it, but there is quite a difference in color, as well as in spelling.)

The Pilgrims were driven from England and here worshipped before embarking for America. Oh, for the spirit of John Robinson and his fellow martyrs!

Two Hundred and Fifty Women Sacked and Drowned

The museum made famous by the paintings of Franz Hals is worth anybody's time and trip. Long we gazed, studied and felt as we saw his masterpiece. In 1572 the women were fighting the army of the Duke of Alva of Spain. It was like the Alamo, not one left. All the women who were not killed in battle were sewed up in sacks and carried to the top of a 250 foot tower, built for this purpose, and hurled into the waters below. Though they perished, yet they live, and the present happy free Holland is their monument.

The Zuider Zee

The most marvellous engineering feat of all time is the thirty mile sea-wall from point to point. By this wall the Zuider Zee, which body of water extends inland twenty miles, has been drained and turned into farms and gar-

dens. Most of Holland is below sea level, and by this wall a half-million acres or more, are made into fertile farms. Our P.W.A., C.W.A. and W.P.A., costing billions (and more to come) would do well to import Dutch engineers—and Dutch politicians! Woe be unto grafters in Holland.

The Government is a socialist monarchy. The Queen Wilhelmina is a much loved and powerful ruler. We called at the Royal Palace, but the dear old lady, they told us, would not be in for another day. So she missed seeing us. She may survive, not knowing what she missed.

Leyden University

When a boy in college I remember Prof. Charlton explaining the "Leyden Jars."

In reading "Moble's Rise of the Dutch Republic" what a graphic description of the siege of Leyden by the armies of Philip II of Spain in the 16th century. The enemy surrounded and laid siege to the city. The people were starving and all food and supplies were gone. They were dying, and plague and pestilence swept the city. The people begged the old Burgomaster to surrender. He answered, "not as long as there is anything on foot alive, a dog left to bark, or a cat to meow, will I surrender to the armies of the papacy."

The dykes were cut but the winds blew the tides out. But the wind changed and the Spaniards were overwhelmed and drowned. In commemoration of the victory they built Leyden University. The Dutch are peace-loving and not war-like.

In going through the art galleries I noticed few paintings of battles. There were home scenes, families, mothers, babes, farm life, fishing, hunting, feasting, playing, singing, loving!

Made Real Contribution to America

In Texas we have "Holland," a beautiful little town, and in Michigan we have "Little Holland," and the "Vans" not Vons. Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg who is a strong Presidential possibility; Johnny Van de Meer, one of the leading pitching aces of the National baseball league; the Van Swearingens who built the greatest railroad syndicate in America, and the greatest of them all, the late Dr. O. W. Van Osdel who built the great Wealthy Street Baptist Church, Grand Rapids.

I have never had a descendant of Holland that didn't make me a good member. I am going to Grand Rapids and deliver an address on "The Religious History of Holland." I will have an abundance of pictures all colored, both still and moving.

The Ford Plant, Amsterdam

They are building a large addition, Ford and Holland make a good combination — peace and prosperity. Mr. G. F. Stenger and his two men, Messrs. J. A. Van Beech, Calkoeh and Otto Hellig did all in their power to make our visit profitable. They met us at the border and delivered us at "Goodby."

In Holland and all around the world we just "Watch the Fords go by."

While everything is peaceful in Holland, yet everybody fears Hitler. This little land about three times the size of one of our American counties, and with a

little more than the population of Texas trembles but is prepared to spill the last drop of blood for their peaceful homes. So it is with all European countries.

Pity that the peace of all Europe—the whole world—should hinge on the decision of one man—"Yet he shall come to his end and none shall help him!"

Dr. Norris' Prophecies Fulfilled Again

It is now a proven fact, clear to all, that Dr. Norris was the best friend to honest labor when, in the storm and strife, more than two years ago, he had the courage to come out publicly on the radio in his pulpit, and in the Fundamentalist and warn labor of the communistic elements that were undermining labor. There was much criticism heaped upon him, but now it is clear that as usual and on many issues during the last quarter of a century he was a prophet ahead of his time. Scores of other issues could be named where he was likewise a prophet, ahead of his time.

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