THE HOLY LAND EXCURSION.

LETTER FROM "MARK TWAIN.

Naturally we are all interested in what the members of the "Mark Twain" party have seen and heard in the Holy Land. Accordingly, the following letter was sent us by one of the party:

From "Mark Twain," in a hotel near the Jordan—November 23rd—To the "Literary World"—Herkimer, New York.

Dear Editor:

I have recently returned from a visit to the Holy Land, and I am pleased to say that the experience has been most instructive and enjoyable.

We started our journey by sea, and after a long and arduous voyage, we arrived at the coast of Palestine. The scenery was beautiful, and the people friendly. We were met by a representative of the Holy Land Excursion Company, who arranged for our travel and accommodations.

Our first stop was at Jericho, an ancient city whose history goes back to the time of the Israelites. We were shown the ruins of the city, and the ancient walls which are said to have been built by King Josiah. We also visited the Grotto of the Virgin, where it is believed that the Virgin Mary was born.

From Jericho, we continued our journey to Jerusalem, the holy city of the Jews. We were shown the Temple Mount, where the Temple of Solomon once stood. We also visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where it is believed that Jesus was crucified, buried, and resurrected.

Our next stop was at Bethlehem, the hometown of Jesus. We visited the Grotto of the Nativity, where it is believed that Jesus was born. We also saw the Church of the Nativity, which is one of the oldest Christian churches in the world.

From Bethlehem, we traveled to the Dead Sea, where we enjoyed a swim in the freshwater lake. We also visited the Mount of Temptation, where it is believed that Jesus was tempted by the devil.

Our final stop was at the site of the Jordan River, where we explored the Grotto of the Baptism. We also visited the Site of the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes,

Our journey was a wonderful experience, and we hope to return to the Holy Land again soon. I would like to thank the Holy Land Excursion Company for their excellent service and arrangements. We highly recommend their services to anyone interested in visiting the Holy Land.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

P.S. The weather was beautiful, and we enjoyed the mild climate.

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