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CHAPTER I.

HOW THESE RECORDS WERE DISCOVERED.

SOME time in the year 1856, while living in De Witt, Missouri, a gentleman by the name of H. C. Whydaman became snow-bound and stopped at my house several days. He was a native of Germany, and one of the most learned men I had ever met. I found him to be freely communicative. During his stay, he told me he had spent five years in the city of Rome, and most of the time in the Vatican, where he saw a library containing five hundred and sixty thousand volumes. He told me that he had seen and read the records of Tiberius Cæsar, and in what was called the *Acta Pilati*—that is, the acts of Pilate—he had seen an account of the apprehension, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth; but said it did not add much to the commonly accepted teachings of Christianity. He told me he thought a transcript could be secured. After Mr. Whydaman's departure, I meditated upon what he had told me of those records, and thought that if a transcript could be obtained it would be very interesting, even if it did not add much to the present teachings of Christianity. So,

after some months I set about tracing up Mr. Whydaman, as the following correspondence shows :

DEWITT, CARROLL CO., Mo., Sept. 22, 1856.

MR. HENRY C. WHYDAMAN.

DEAR SIR : After you left my house last spring, I kept thinking of your telling me of reading the acts of Pilate in the Vatican, while at Rome. I want you, if you please, to get me a transcript of those records, if the cost will not be too much. Will you please open a correspondence with some of your old friends at Rome that you can rely upon, and ascertain if it can be obtained ; and if so what will be the probable cost of getting it ? I shall be much obliged, and will pay you for your trouble and expense.

Yours in tender regards,

W. D. MAHAN.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12, 1856.

MR. W. D. MAHAN,

DEAR SIR : Your letter as directed to H. C. Whydaman is received. I will inform you he has returned to Germany. Your letter has been forwarded.

Yours, etc.,

C. C. VANTBERGER.

March 2, 1857.

REV. W. D. MAHAN.

DEAR SIR : It is with the kindest regards I remembered your hospitality while with you in Amer-