

MORE ABOUT SUNDAY PAPERS.

If Clergymen Write for Them There is no Harm in Church Folks Reading Them.

COMMENT IN RELIGIOUS CIRCLES.

How Ministers are Persecuted—Review of the Bible Still Going On—What Christian Workers are Doing.

It is the determination of those who insist upon imparting their tenets to the people at large as facts to perpetuate the story that Rev. J. G. Armstrong of Atlanta, Ga., was J. W. Booth's mother, the assassin of Lincoln writes Muriel Husted. There were no mysteries about Mr. Armstrong save those that were made up originally, or had their origin in occasional eccentricities inconsistent with his character. His face was very like that of Booth, but he was a much larger man, than the assassin, and as for his gun-shot wound, he was lame from childhood. He had a stiff and crooked nose and carried always a stout stick. A few years ago he spent some time in Cincinnati, and was accused of intoxication and evil associations. There was a church trial about it. His friends stood with him, but the bishop was severe and accused of prejudice. One of the charges was that he had visited a woman who was not of good repute, and tried to do her wrong. It was the close relation of dear friend, and he had requested to him, his son and rebuked her if possible. As to the charge of drinking he admitted that he had a bottle of beer sent to his room and had swallowed the contents. He was said to be a man of extraordinary gifts, and was a well known and highly accomplished orator. His pride was hurt by the trial before him, but it resulted in the accumulation of testimony that he was of high character and well known throughout the country. The man became a great favorite of many of the most prominent people in Georgia. The proof that he was not, Wilkes Booth was in his larger frame. Booth was slight and alert; Armstrong was so much broader and deeper-chested and shoulders that there is no chance the two men were the same.

BRECHAS' HARPSONG.

French Hymn.
Little harp, at thy cry
He shall, at my command;—
And thy sword-song on high
High shall chime.

Little harp, in his brain
Is the fire; in his hand
In the sword and the rain
Of command.

Little harp, like the wind
Is its strength; like thy song
Are its words, to bind thy
Walls along!

Little harp, if unknown,
Be it known, ye shall sing
How the stars of Wales three
Him All King!

The Theological Seminary.

The decisive action taken by the board of directors of the Presbyterian theological seminary at the meeting held last Tuesday, removes all doubt as to the establishment of a theological seminary in Omaha. The school will open next September in suitable rooms located in the city. Three professors have already been elected and a president will probably be chosen during the summer.

All the leading church papers in the country have offered words of good cheer and encouragement for the new theological school of Omaha. The interior of Chicago says:

"A new theological seminary at Omaha: Mr. F. W. Stanford, editor of the Evangelical, published at Harrisburg, Pa., who has been a leader in the movement in the Ebenezer Evangelical church, made a statement that created quite a stir and little amusement among his hearers. In remarking that he was willing to go wherever God called him, he turned his head and said, 'I wonder where I am.' They are starting right, too, in a good place of land, though it ought to be larger. The generous gentleman who gives twenty-five acres could make it fifty, and yet cover over half the balance of the city side of his ledger ten years from now."

The Cincinnati Herald and Presbyter expresses every kind wish for the new enterprise. It says: "Our brethren round about Omaha are under no illusion that there is a call for a new theological seminary in that vicinity. Wholesome as this enterprise will require much hard work, the time has probably come to make the start, and all the church will sympathize with the effort and rejoice in its accomplishment."

The New Haven Presbyterian of Memphis has this to say:

"Omaha has established a theological school to train ministers for the churches of western Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. At the present time we believe that they have a dozen schools enough. The air is plenty in the east, but there are none west of the Mississippi except one at San Francisco in embryo, and this region comprises the home mission field, where many of the best men are. Besides, there are twelve schools in the area of the republic. If there are needed a dozen divinity schools in our church east of the Father of Waters, two dozen will ultimately result in the west."

How Ministers are Persecuted.

No class of persons are more subjected to animosity of anonymous letters than ministers. This is particularly true of those in the smaller towns where the dominie's every move is eagerly followed by dozens of eager eyes. A Harrisburg, Pa., minister said to a Telegraph man: "When I first entered the ministry I knew there was always a difference of opinion among congregations regarding the minister, and while those who do not like him would refrain from saying so openly they would find some means of letting him know it. That is why I never wrote an anonymous letter, except the anonymous letter. I determined to never read an anonymous letter, and I am confident that I have saved myself from annoyances. When I open a letter I always look for the signature first, and if the letter is from a friend I am not particular about the signature. I tear it into bits without reading it and throw it into the fire or waste basket. That's the best way. It saves me heartburnings and I am none the worse off for having the red hot unanswered letter. I am willing to let it pass, and I like to have my body speak out to my face for I consider such a procedure friendly, but the anonymous letter writer is never your friend. He is an enemy ready to stab you in the back."

Sunday Newspapers.

The Outlook ("A Sabbath Quarterly") says: "One Sunday morning in December the editor of a Sunday paper in St. Louis received a newsdealer's bill for a copy of the paper. The paper is a Sunday paper in the right and an outcry against it should be stopped. From this time forward, Baptists must not pass condemnatory resolutions nor indulge in strong rhetoric against that which is not mentioned in the church paper."

When Dr. Robinson's article appears, it must be taken as a flag of truce by the Presbyterians, and a cessation of hostilities on their part against what used to be the supreme Sunday newspaper in the country.

It is to be noted, truth in the matter is this, there can be no standard for Sunday observance, because there is no authority for it out of church custom and individual choice.

I have nothing more than this, which is a good reason for the Presbyterians to abstain from the chase of contradiction and sin, and since the bible knows nothing about the keeping of Sunday, it is quite right for the Press and its competitors to be published on Sunday, and for these reasons, I give them aid in that work. But when they consented to write the whole case was "given away," and when the Sunday paper is thus vouches

for by the men of highest character and influence in these various denominations, all opposition to it, as such, must for ever cease.

The Slave in Brit Board Art.

"I wish you would ask me one question of yours in your columns," department," said a prominent clergyman to Tim. "H"

It is with regard to the shameful display of proslavery art in Brit Board Art, and the like, throughout the country. Some of the most execrable combinations that visit Omaha seem to take it for granted that the more indecently nude their pictures appear the greater will be their cash receipts; when this time, for the performance arrived, the artist, in Brit Board Art, had painted bared and windows along their principal streets have been decorated with pictures of female figures as nearly nude as they could be, and have any drapery, at all over them. These are suggestive of salacious and lascivious thoughts among the public, and the scenes to me the only purpose. Now, I think that the city council should prohibit this shameful display of vicious and immoral pictures. There are many towns in cities throughout the country where such pictures are prohibited, and Omaha should adopt ordinances of that kind. The evil effect of such pictures upon the minds of young people is almost deplored.

Whitehouse, the artist, in Brit Board Art, in making preparations for the protection of property, for the restoration of immaterial finances and the improvement of streets and alleys, it seems to me that something might be done to body forth the protection of the morals of our youth."

Still Revising the Bible.

It may not generally be known, notes the Congregationalist, that the American committee of the revision of the New Testament has issued its final report and has voted to issue an authorized American edition of the revised Bible still fourteen years after the revised Bible of 1881, fourteen years after the original American edition of the New Testament company can easily finish its preparations for an American edition before 1890. It is proposed to incorporate the American appendix into the text, to furnish characters from the Latin, and to add a new test, and the references to quotations from the Old Testament, for instance," he said.

"If a man goes into a shop and orders a cockle, the bartender immediately goes to the kitchen and says, 'What do you want to eat?' So it is with the check as he comes up to the counter, 'Don't you try any of your fine things? I am not here to buy.' I guess you better be going."

"That's all right," as he moves nearer the door, "I always thought this firm was a fraud, at any rate, from the time I was a boy." "So it is with the check as he comes up to the counter, 'Don't you try any of your fine things? I am not here to buy.' I guess you better be going."

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