

or a cheat! And I further hold, that all the "other arguments and theories," if they are like his preceding ones, no matter how "carefully" they may be perused by the craft, will never lead them to "see it" as he does.

That "Hair Space" has intelligence, is clearly demonstrated by his command of words and his knowledge of things generally; and that his ideas in reference to the beggarly remuneration paid for the mental and bodily labor of the employe are true, I freely admit, but these only apply to our pecuniary status, not to the point at issue. PLANER.

Letter from "Old Dominion."

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 1, 1878.

Since your announcement that "Hair Space" would argue further upon the improper use of the term "art preservative of all arts," as applied to printing, I have somewhat impatiently awaited the arrival of your November number containing his letter. And when it came, the first thing I read was the aforesaid letter. While I have been much impressed and pleased with "Hair Space's" clear and attractive style of writing, I cannot yet put myself down as a convert to his way of thinking on this subject. I have been accustomed to seeing and hearing this term used in this sense ever since I first learned my "boxes," and, without stopping to consider what its meaning was, or what its origin, I have always accepted it as correct and proper, because descended from our fathers in the craft from time immemorial, passing through generations of them unchallenged, so far as we know. Now, before I change my faith, I must be allowed to examine further on the subject; and, to this end, I beg "Hair Space" to fulfil, at as early a day as possible, his promise to say more on the subject. I wish to hear all he has to say; also, would like to hear the arguments of those opposed to him. While I would be glad to see the redoubtable knight conquered, I am not disposed to make the attempt at conquest myself. I will only insist upon the point, which I raised in a former letter, against what he makes in his present letter his chief point—viz.: "The financial unremunerativeness of the business." The facts stated by him in this connection are true; but I contend that they prove nothing as to the proper or improper use of the term under discussion.

Mr. Editor, I want to give another of your correspondents a rap—that Cambridge "Lead-

Cutter." He seems to think his fellow-craftsmen the most degenerate sinners in the world, and represents some old lady friend as saying: "It seems so funny to have printers good." The outside world generally has an idea, it seems, that printers as a class are among the most immoral and intemperate of men. This idea, I think it the duty of every printer to combat: for it is a false one. I believe I have ground for making the assertion that printers will compare favorably with any class of equal (or even greater) opportunities—morally and intellectually. I have thought on this subject frequently, and perhaps you may yet hear from me in regard to it, if I can procure the information I desire.

But I did not commence this letter for the purpose of criticising your correspondents. So I will proceed to the real object of the letter—to give you an item or two in regard to typography in our region. There are now only two daily morning newspapers in our city, the *Enquirer* having died since I last wrote to you. It has been revived several times before, but the general opinion is, that it is dead in reality this time. The material, good-will, etc., were offered for sale at auction on the 26th of Dec., but were taken in—only \$2,500 being bid.

The holidays and the presence of a circus wintering here have conspired together to give us some novelties in the way of advertising—prominent among which was the "Great Camel Advertising Caravan."

Dr. W. W. Bennett, the editor of the *Richmond Christian Advocate*, has been elected President of Randolph Macon College, the educational institution of the Methodists of this State. Dr. J. J. Lafferty has been appointed to succeed him as editor of the *Advocate*.

Two numbers of a new weekly paper—the *Sunday Transcript*—have been issued. It is feared that it will not do much, as it is in rather unpopular hands.

Reuben B. Smith, who served his time in Fredericksburg, Va., and who worked several years in this city, has been surprising the types of Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., by some fast type-setting.

C. R. C. Ackerley, formerly of this city, and at one time president of our Union, but who has been living some years in Charlottesville, Va., has gone to New Orleans, La. He is followed by the good wishes of many friends in this section.