From the Wilmington, Del. Republican A Letter from Barnum the Henowned showman.

日E WADEs INTOTHE PREACHERSTHE DOOR STHLL OPEN FOR THEM TOCVME-HE HAS NELTHERHORNs Bilifora
Editors Republican :-The Rev, Mr. Caldwell of St. Paul's M. E. Church, who condemms me un heard, is an object of pity. He has my sympathy for permitting unfounded prejialice to prevent him from seaing the most carefully ar $r$ nuged, inoral, instructive and f $x$ tensive display of nature's marsels that he probablv ever before had on opportunity of beholding at han time.
Of conrse, by shutting his eyes, he may believe it dark, and he may by shutting his understand ing, avoid the great sin of looking on my profane girafies, try drunk onsea-linns, my swindiling came's, ny gambling rhinoceros, thieving moneys, debanched antelopes and Llamas, degraded lions, tizors and leopards, slanderous ostriches, hypocritical vultures, heretical golden pidyeons, irreligious parrots and cantankerous cockatoos. He will, by the same proce. s, Le spared the humination of associating with my vulgar "Temperance Family," life size, in wax. He won't even risk his precious soul by beholding the Behemoth, the giants, the dwarfs the tatoof G Greek nobleman, nor the moving model of the famous S'rasburg Apostolic clock ; neither will his salvation be jeopardized by looking on tamed elephants, unregenerate riding bears; frisky, dancing ponies, athletic men and edacaind horses.
And then these holy Methodist clergymen, who, I understand, serionsly resolved not to accept Barnum's eomplimentary tickets, What a narrow escape they had : Oh, if they had lived to see one of my stallions leap over half a dozen elephanta, old "Nirk" would have had their souls. Be careful, gentlemen, don't smile, for that is too wicked!
Seriously, my reverend friends, before condemning me, you should have learned that I have nearly revolutionized public entertainnents and especially travelling shows, by compelling their proprietors to abolish Iquor selling, gambling and vulgarity. I have made it a rule never to nffer any exhibition that a Cbristian mother and daughter, yes, and her clergyman (if he had gond sense), could not witness without approval.
The religious world north, east and west, who know me (as you do not), and who rteognize healthfil recreation as necessary alike to body and mind, are among mv very best patrons. $A s$ it is difl. cuit to procure comfortable seats for all my pa rons, the arm-chairs, which I charitably intended fir hese clorgymen, will be ocenpied by respectable ladies and children -by parents who, in this generation, are not apt to be driven to caves and dungenns, lest the light of the sun may shine on them.
I will venture to aflirm that good, ringing innocent laugh and a cheerful face are mora acceptable before the heavenly throne, than the groans and sighs caused by moleatyed, self-rightenus Pharisa istn, which, bypocritically or ig oorantiv, exclaims, "stand by, atm holier than thon." This is bogus christianits. I will forgise these clerical gentleman for trying o injure my busineas, and if on reflection, they see weir error is time for the big show the door in still npen. I will orerlook il er misdoings, and give them one mote chance to see "the greatest show on earth."

They may, at the same time, discover that is proprietor has neither borns bor hoofs, and that he is as anxious as themselves to make the world better for his having lived in PhiladelphiP, T, Batrvỉ,

Tus Finst Ster,-There is no step so long as the first step in any drrection, especially a wrong one. Having once taken it, you are likely to go further. One who steals a penny will remember it when he thinks of stealing a sovereign flrst when he is tcmpted by thousands he will remember he is already a thief. A perfectly innocent person dreads the soil of any sin upon his soul, but after the slightest smirch he cannot say, "1 am clean." The vulgar proverb: "One might as well be hung for a sheep as for a lamb," means a great deal. Often amb," means a great deal. Often
the lamb was stolen years before, the lamb was stolen years before,
and now why not take the sheep? and now why not take the sheep?
An ldle word, half-oath, half-exclamation, leads the boy to swearing. Once having sworn, he will swear again. The first step may not be much in itself, but in its relation to our lives it is a giant's stride. It is well to remenber it.

The Elmira Cer.etery Company i.as paid a dividend.-EL. We should rather call it a bone us.V. Y. Neies. The proflts were dividead probably,-Tosci. We rather think they were soul-ed from the body.- Cimeanda Enterprise. Now, who would have thought that Enterprise would Go-wander-ing off in this fashion ?-N. Y. Neves. The company probably had re-hearse als quite often.-Danielsoncille Sentinel.

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