

ourselves among you that believe" (1 Thes. ii. 10). He expected the same of other ministers, writing to Timothy, "*Be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity*" (1 Tim. iv. 12). In the midst of the shipwreck, before officers, crew, and soldiers, with whom he had been shut up on the long voyage, he could confidently say, "*God, whose I am, and whom I serve*" (Acts xxvii. 23). How immeasurably

it would weaken this to say, "Whose I humbly hope I am, and whom I am feebly and unworthily trying to serve." Much (though not all) of the shyness that expresses itself in such phrase is conscious inconsistency masquerading as humility.

The Church and the world need Christians so consciously stanch and true that they may dare to say "*Whose I am, and whom I serve,*" "even as I also *am of Christ.*"

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A "Homiletic Review" Index.

WE are sure our readers will be glad to know that an index is now in preparation, to be issued in the form of a volume, which will cover the entire history of the HOMILETIC REVIEW. It is to be complete in every respect, making it possible to refer easily to any article upon any subject that may have been treated in the pages of this publication. It will also contain cross-references, so that if one is desirous of reading what may have been said upon the different phases of a given subject, it will be possible for him to do so without difficulty. If, *e. g.*, he is studying the subject of love, he will be able to see at a glance what has been published under the heads of benevolence, charity, liberality, etc. There will also be a complete textual index. The index will also enable him to tell instantly what the character of the article referred to may be, whether an extended discussion or but a suggestive hint or illustration. No one who desires to get the largest benefit from the REVIEW can afford to do without this comprehensive help.

"The Argument for Christianity."

To pastors who are called upon to deal with honest doubters among those to whom they minister we cordially commend this work from the pen of George C. Lorimer, D.D. (American

Baptist Publication Society). It presents in a popular and at the same time scholarly way the evidences of Christianity. It is marked by a manifest acquaintance with the literature of the subject as well as with literature in general, and so thoroughly canvasses the ground of apologetics as to leave little to be desired. The style of the writer is one that fascinates the reader, and holds the attention well from start to finish. In its method of treatment it shows a marked originality. It may be well characterized as helpful to all classes of readers, and deserves a wide circulation.

Slights on the Ministry.

IN paying his respects to the ministers who had tried to prevent him from delivering one of his lectures in Hoboken, a few days since, Col. Ingersoll said: "You cannot blame them for their views. They get them in sectarian colleges, and sectarian colleges are what might be called the storm center of ignorance. They come out like the lands on the upper Potomac, as described by John Rogers—almost worthless by nature, and rendered wholly so by cultivation."

To all of which we reply that a man who makes a "hit" by striking a blow at his own father is one who has reached a level of moral degradation that renders his judgment as a critic as harmless as his action as a son is unworthy.