

*NEVER MIND SLANDERS.*

Have you enemies? Go straight on and mind them not. If they block your path, walk around them, and do your duty regardless of their spite.

A man who has no enemies is not apt to succeed in the battle of life; he is made of that kind of material which is so easily worked that everyone has a hand in it.

A sterling character — one who thinks for himself and speaks what he thinks—is sure to have bitter enemies and warm friends; both are as necessary to him as fresh air: they keep him alive and active.

A celebrated man, who was surrounded by enemies, used to remark, "They are sparks which if you do not blow will die out of themselves." If you stop to dispute, you do but as they desire, and open the way for more abuse. Let the poor fellows talk.

There will be a reaction if you perform your duty, and hundreds who were once alienated from you will acknowledge their error.

The Unitarian, Dr. Edward Everett Hale, called on Father Ignatius, the monk of St. Benedict, at his hotel in Boston, last week, and invited him to preach in his (Dr. Hale's) church. Father Ignatius was greatly surprised, and asked whether a Unitarian was willing to have redemption by the Saviour preached in his church. "You may preach anything you like. You may convert us all, if you want to," was Dr. Hale's characteristic reply. The offer was accepted, and the Rev. Father Ignatius was to preach at the South Congregational Church the next Monday evening.

*A WITTY ANSWER.*

It was a witty answer by which a hero whom Bismarck was commissioned by the Emperor to decorate with the Iron Cross of the First Class, discomfited the Chancellor's attempt to chaff him. "I am authorized," said Bismarck to him—with that liking for playing jokes which has been so strong throughout his career—"I am authorized to offer you a hundred thalers instead of the cross." "How much is the cross worth?" asked the soldier. "Three thalers?" "Very well, then I will take the cross and ninety-seven thalers." Bismarck was so surprised and pleased by the ready shrewdness of the reply that he gave the man both the cross and the money.—*London Tid Bits.*

One of the best testimonies to the power of the Gospel which has been made in recent times comes from a young Buddhist priest who has become a member of the Salvation Army. When asked why he left Buddhism for Christianity, he replied: "It is true that both teach the same morals, but Christianity alone gives the power to lead the life."

I know not anything about which a man of sense ought to feel more anxious than how his son may become the very best of men.—*Plato.*

Rev. J. M. Johnston, pastor of the Congregational Church, Newry, has been accepted as a candidate for holy orders in the Episcopal Church.

If men will have no care for the future, they will soon have sorrow the past.