

with deception and lying. He remained till the end of his year, and so did the constant criticisms against him, on account of his deception. Had he, at first, frankly told the real facts in the case, saying that, although not yet married, he expected soon to be, he would have secured the place just the same, and also preserved a reputation for honesty and manly frankness. Nothing is gained by indirection, but much is lost. Young preacher, take heedful care of your honor in all of your dealings with the churches you may serve.

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#### Pulpit Notices.

IN the May REVIEW you ask for experimental solutions of the "pulpit notice problem." Mine is as follows:

some time since I intimated to the congregation that all notices must be given to some of the elders in time to be considered by them, and that they would decide as to what should be announced, thus relieving me of the unpleasantness of receiving notices as I was going into the pulpit, and deciding then and there whether I should give them or not. In addition, the Session, at my request, resolved that no notices besides those of our congregational meetings should be given from the pulpit, where there had been opportunity to advertise in the regular way by handbills, or through the public prints. Occasionally I intimate to the congregation the resolution of the Session, in order to keep it fresh in their memories, and thus prevent the sending of undesirable notices. The plan has worked most satisfactorily.

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## EDITORIAL SECTION.

### LIVING ISSUES FOR PULPIT TREATMENT.

#### "First of all, the News."

*Ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the Sabbath.*—Neh. xiii. 18.

THIS sentence stands at the head of the first column on the editorial page of one of our leading representative New York dailies. It is the announcement of the controlling principle in the management of that journal, and, indeed, of all our more influential journals. It is a virtual declaration that no trouble, no expense, no interest of individual or community will be allowed to stand in the way of that which is asserted to be "first of all" in importance. Even the expressed will of the Great Personal First of all and Head over all cannot be allowed to interfere with it. It is what might be called an apotheosizing of "news." Everything else is held subservient to it, without command of God or right of man.

That we are not doing the journal referred to an injustice, we quote from a leader in a recent Monday issue to prove. "The demand for yesterday's (Sunday) *Recorder* was so great that it was impossible to meet it, although the presses were kept running long after the usual hour and until the pressmen were exhausted by their labors." It is a boast without the first savor of regret for what it asserts. It tells of violated Divine law, and of the wanton infliction of injury upon the fellow without any show of compunction. Indeed, so far is compunction from the thoughts of those responsible for what is stated to have occurred, that the announcement follows almost immediately that the next Sabbath's issue is to be characterized by even greater attractions, and therefore, inferentially, is to demand still more exhausting labor. In the face of such statements it seems like a brazer,