

essentially checked, and the liquor traffic having been substantially suppressed.*

SWEDEN.—“In Sweden the Government has recently been memorialized to restrain the increasing secularization of the day by travelling and by trading.”

AUSTRALIA.—“In our recently planted Australian colonies, too, there is also the same need for associations to preserve this heaven-sent rest. The Committee of the New South Wales Observance Society has been contending with more or less success against the playing of bands, delivery of letters, sailing of vessels, and railway travelling on that day.”

FRANCE.—In France there is a paper, the “*Observateur du Dimanche*,” perhaps the only one in the world specifically devoted as the organ of an

*NOTE.—The following are two specimens of advertisements of these popular amusements:—

“Eustachi’s Volks’ Theatre, 4th Street, Sunday, Dec. 11. Great Sacred Concert, combined with Musical Declamatory Performances. 3 o’clock P.M., ‘The Conversion from Temperance Madness.’”

“Tulp’s Thalian Hall, Avenue A, Sunday, Dec. 11. Mid-day, ‘The Son on a Journey,’ in Four Acts. At 7 o’clock P.M., ‘The Bewitched Prince, or the Adventures of a Shoemaker.’—Imported Wines on draught, and those who want to get a brick in the *hat* (tipsy) may come.”

The number of advertisements of the above character is usually from 30 to 40. Many similar establishments do not publish their own infamy. It will be seen that the principal *advertised* attractions are theatricals, bands of music, songs, dances, lager beer, &c. The arrangements for gambling, shooting, raffling, bowling, and other *conveniences* would not look well in a newspaper (the Deputy Superintendent of Police states in his Report that of “the 580 houses of prostitution and assignation 170 are lager and drinking saloons combined with prostitution”), but are familiarly known to many of the frequenters, young and old, of these “Sacred Concerts.”

“The amount of drinking would be incredible but from sworn testimony that they had consumed as many as a hundred glasses in a day. Well may the proprietors afford the enormous rents they pay of \$3,000, \$5,000, and even \$10,000 for the halls they occupy when they are allowed a Sunday monopoly of a business yielding 300 or 500 per cent profit on their weekly investment, with no real value and hence no taxation, ever contributing to swell the taxes of legitimate business for the support of pauperism and crime, but freed from the burdens thus cast upon honest trade.”

“Our police reports are full of instances of crime traceable directly to the intoxicating influence of this drink (lager beer). Thirty-eight substances are said to be contained in it. The following are some of them:—Marble dust, opium, tobacco, henbane, oil of vitriol, copperas, alum, strychnine, and other deadly drugs.

The fashion of employing language to express the opposite of its just signification has extended to journals whose interests conflict with the moral law. Their vulgar libels against the friends of a quiet Sabbath are indited in the name of “Civil and Religious Liberty!” when their authors deserve to be *indicted* for outraging common morality. A calm, principled, forbearing opposition to illegal and demoralizing courses is styled “Phariseism,” “Puritanism,” “Fanaticism.” The respectable citizens sharing in the movement are “Mawworms” and “Aminadab Sleeks.” Shame on the false system that begins by appropriating the Lord’s Day to nameless and shameless abominations, and then screens the wrong by perverting language and by indiscriminate libels on the millions of men who cherish a reverence for the Bible, and the Sabbath, and the Great Author of both!”