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Concord, Mass., June 13, 1910.

Dear Mr. Champlin;

Perhaps you may not know that it is possible to subscribe for the Wednesday and Saturday's issues of the Republican by themselves, -I think for \$2, -as several of my friends do who do not take the Daily.

I did not know that you were editing a department at Gloucester, as well as your work in Fall River; but it is no more difficult, I suppose, than for me to send four columns a week from Boston to Springfield. Occasionally one of my letters gets put over a day or a week. I try to keep the sequence of my literary letters unbroken; but when I am away from Boston for a week or two, I usually send letters from some other point for the Saturday issue, or some other.

As you will see by the enclosed circular, I have got out a special edition of my Life and Letters of Brown, and reduced the price. This is now all sold; but the Torch Press at Cedar Rapids, Ia. is getting out a 4th edition, with a new preface, which ought to be on the market now, though I have not received a copy. The same house is about issuing the correspondence between Theodore Parker and W.H. Herndon, Lincoln's Law-partner, with much other Lincoln matter, which will be an interesting book, and is promised for this month. I turned over the Parker correspondence, 16 months ago, to Rev. Joseph Newton of Cedar Rapids, who has been at work on it since, and has added much from other sources. Everything relating to Lincoln is interesting.

You will see in the Boston Transcript of June 15 my address on Parker as a Political Philosopher, given at West Roxbury yesterday, and to be given at North Andover on Wednesday, before a Unitarian district conference. This might interest your Gloucester readers.

I wonder if you have seen my 'Recollections of 70 Years' which came out a year ago? I suppose, from what I hear that it is in most of the city libraries. It is published by R.G. Badger, and has been generally read with pleasure, I think. I am to have a 3rd volume, but not till some time next year, -also a final life of Thoreau, containing his college essays, and much family history.

I left the Companions of John Brown to ^{be} written up by Hinton, who did it fairly well, but rather inaccurately. Dubois's Life of Brown is not brought up to date, but otherwise it's good. Villard of the Evening Post has a Life of Brown in press at Houghton's, to appear in October, which will give much new matter, but will, I hear, be unjust to Brown. I suppose you have seen what is said of Brown in the 2nd volume of Mrs. Richards' life of Dr. Howe. In my Recollections I give much space in the first volume to Brown and his kindred.

Did you ever get a copy of Ellery Channing's 'Poems of Sixty-Five Years', which I published in a small edition in 1902? If not, and if you will review it, I think I can put you in the way of getting a copy. It will soon be a rare book, for only 350 copies were printed.

I shall hope to see your interview with Daniel Ricketson. I think his children mean to publish another volume about him; but I hear nothing about it of late.

I am glad you find my letters interesting; they seem so to me, and I bestow much labor on them.

Yours very truly,

Edwin R. Champlin Esq. Fall River, Mass.
Literary Editor of the Gloucester Daily Times

F. B. Sanborn

The true relation of Parker to Abraham Lincoln will soon appear in Rev. Joseph Newton's volume, containing the correspondence of Parker with Lincoln's partner, Herndon. Those relations were well known to me at the time, as were Parker's dealings with John Brown, to whom I introduced him in 1857.

F. B. S., Sp'st'd Rep. June 1, 1910.

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