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“A Philadelphia Rebel Journal Stopped”

About 11½ o'clock, this morning, U.S. Marshal Milward proceeded to the office of the *Christian Observer*, Forth street, below Chestnut, and to the composing room of that journal, and seized the type and all other appurtenances.

The *Christian Observer* was formerly an organ of the New School Presbyterian Church, but recently its pro-slavery tendencies caused it to be generally repudiated by that denomination. The editor is the Rev. A. Converse D.D., a native of Vermont, but more recently of Richmond, Va. His son, F. Barlett Converse, is the assistant editor. The seizure was made in consequence of the peculiar virulence of some matter in its last issue, in reference to this “unholy war.”

For a long time the *Observer* has been very obnoxious, but its “religious” character rather screened it from seizure. Of late, however, its utterances have been so very violent as to attract the attention of the authorities to it. Its stoppage is the result. No other rebel paper is now issued in Philadelphia.