

**"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?"**

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poor, the hungry, the sick and the afflicted, who would cheat their hired men out of their hard earned wages, who did not consider them good enough to eat at the same table with them.

We have heard old deacons pray in open meeting, for the widow and fatherless, the sick and the afflicted and the homeless wanderers, who would not give a bushel of potatoes out of an overflowing cellar to keep them from starvation, and who, if a poor belated traveller should apply at their houses for food or shelter, would set their dogs on him. What are the unconverted to think of the prayers of these "whited sepulchres," is it any wonder that infidelity is gaining such headway in the world. We have seen—shall we call them young ladies? who presided at the organ in meeting or taught Sunday-School, and who were voluble in their professions of their own goodness, and who were sure they were saved, who shut the door against us and refused us even a drink of water.

On the other hand, among those who made no boast of their goodness, we found sterling worth, and among those whose minds were open to doubt impossible theologies, the truest form of Christianity. An abiding faith in the mercy and goodness of God, and a ready and loving hand extended to their fellow-men. Even among Free-thinkers—followers of Bob Ingersol, of which this Province can number a few, we must freely own that we have been surprised to find that, with those of them with whom we have had in contact, we have experienced at their hands nothing but kindness, hospitality and true brotherly consideration.

Now, far be it from us to write this as a slur on any Christian community or sect. God forbid! We have been kindly treated and befriended by all creeds and classes, but that it may give people an idea of the duties that Christianity demands from its followers, and how some professing Christians avoid and neglect these duties, while still being retained as leaders and ministers in Christian churches. These people make great boast of their goodness, and wear the odor of sanctity, but on a closer approach they are found to be reeking with the fumes of the pit, and are the children of their father, the devil, whose works they do. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

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