

having the courage to call any witnesses in that behalf. He would have been well advised by his client, gentlemen, to observe a discreet silence on this point. Character, forsooth! Have I not established to your satisfaction, and to the satisfaction of the Court, that on several occasions the defendant was found under the most suspicious circumstances—climbing the wall of a boarding school at midnight; in a lady's apartment with his nightcap on,—yes, gentlemen, with his nightcap on; on still another occasion imbibing too freely of cold punch and being taken to the Pound, and finally, for I shall not go further into his adventurous history, we see him, under cover of promise of marriage, embracing my client in the presence of three of his friends, and thus humiliating as well as deceiving her.

My learned friend has the effrontery to claim for the defendant that he is a philanthropist. Well, gentlemen, whether or not he has been a philanthropist in the past, I am absolutely certain that you will now compel him to extend unwilling philanthropy, in the form of a substantial contribution towards the support of a widow, my client, as some slight recompense for the treatment she has received at his hands.

And now, gentlemen, but one word more before my lord sums up the case and refers it to you for your verdict. My learned friend, not content with using offensive language towards myself personally, has even gone so far as to make insulting references to you, gentlemen of the jury. Did he not compare you, gentlemen, to the sere and yellow curl papers—to the sere and yellow leaf, I should say. Did he not tell you that your pulses do not beat so strongly, that your hearts are not so young, so sympathetic, so open to the appeal of the widow and the orphan, as in years gone by. Gentlemen of the jury, as you are unable to defend yourselves against wanton insult, I on your behalf hurl back my learned friend's reflections and insinuations, and I tell him in the most emphatic language of which I am capable, in those tones to which he has attempted to refer sarcastically as "thunder tones", that you will resent such imputations with all your power, that you will bring to bear upon the consideration of this case the full strength of the great hearts and gigantic intellects with which nature has so generously endowed you, and that my client will receive at your hands the measure of justice to which she is so well entitled, filled up and overflowing.