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SLAVERY AND ITS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATES.

In these days, Christianity, our "precious faith," is assailed with a virulence and a malignity unsurpassed, if ever equalled, in the annals of avowed and covert infidelity. Weapons are boldly snatched from the armories of moral, metaphysical, and material science, by not a few of the mental *athletæ*, and wielded with consummate skill and herculean strength against man's heavenly hope, "the glorious Gospel of the blessed God." But there is not the slightest cause to fear for the safety of that citadel. It is founded on the rock of eternal truth, covered by divine promise, and protected by divine power, so that "no weapon formed against it shall prosper"—not even hell's gates or machinations shall prevail against it. The daring and persistent assaults of the motley infidel host may prevent some taking refuge in the Gospel stronghold, a result much to be lamented, but its defences remain divinely defiant and impregnable. Its besiegers may perish in their positions, but the teeming millions of our guilty race will yet, and perhaps ere long, rush into the now beleaguered fortress of the Christian faith, trampling over and treading down the miserable *earth-works* thrown up by the infidel army. Injurious to men, and dishonoring to Christ, as the efforts of unbelievers undoubtedly are, yet immeasurably greater is the damage done to the one, and the dishonour done to the other, by the graceless and fiend-like conduct of professed Christians. It is not to be denied that the worst wounds received by Christ and His cause, at the present day, are inflicted in the house and by the hands of avowed friends. The most patent and, with the mass, most potent proof that Christianity is from heaven and of God, is the marvellously benign influence which it exerts on the heart and conduct of those who in very deed embrace it, constraining them "to do justly, to love mercy,