

INGERSOLL—"We should remember \* \* that the early Christians believed everything but the truth, and that they accepted Paganism, admitted the reality of all the Pagan miracles."

COMMENT—In making and printing this statement you lose all claim to respectful consideration. We must brand it in the whole and in all its parts as a falsehood; and he who made it is ignorant or malicious, or both. And yet this falsifier talks glibly of "honesty" and "honor bright." We charge Mr. Ingersoll with *falsehood* in making the above statement. We call on him to verify it, or stand as a convicted falsifier. A falsifier cannot be trusted; his glib talk of honesty and virtue must be looked upon as a snare, like that of the profligate who talks of virtue to his intended victim. We can respect an enemy, but when we find deceit and falsehood in his methods, we relegate him to that disreputable class which affords remunerative employment to detectives and policemen. A falsifier is a manufacturer of base coin, a counterfeiter, a fraud.

We here conclude these notes, believing we have accomplished what we undertook to do. We have said enough to convince our readers that Mr. Ingersoll is profligate of statement; that he is not to be trusted; that he is unscrupulous; that as a logician and metaphysician he is beneath contempt; that he is a mere galvanizer of old objections long ago refuted; that he is ignorant and superficial—full of gas and gush, in a word, that he is a philosophical charlatan of the first water, who mistakes curious listeners for disciples, and applause for approval.

Of course we do not expect him to reply to us, and for several reasons. First, he will not want to; second, he cannot; third, he can pretend not to notice an obscure country pastor. Very well. Then let some of his disciples or admirers try to rehabilitate his smirched character. We hold ourselves responsible to him, and to all the glib little whiffets of his shallow school.

NOTE TO SEVENTH EDITION.—As I anticipated, Mr. Ingersoll has publicly declined to reply.