

men when his traducers' becomes but a stench. To his pen as much as to the sword of Washington was due the success of the Revolution ; and to him fully as much as to any other man are you indebted for the liberty you enjoy as a citizen of the great republic. If you did not know these things, you are to be pitied ; if you knew them, you have been guilty of the meanest act that a man can commit against his fellow.

Colonel Ingersoll also receives some "kindly notice" in your lecture. It has always been usual among Christian ministers, when they can't answer a man's arguments, to attack the man. You seem to be grieved when you think Mr. Ingersoll can get \$200 a night for lecturing. How much did you get for delivering the lecture which is now before me ? How much is it worth ? In my opinion, it is worth less than nothing.

You not only did not touch the question with which you proposed to deal, but you actually went out of your way to attack Freethinkers and infidels. The real question of inspiration you have not touched at all : instead of that, you have filled up your lecture with a lot of scandal and abuse about better men than the Bible or Christianity ever produced. You really wasted the time of those who listened to you, for you did not bring forward a single argument to prove your theory that has not been worn threadbare time out of mind by every little gospel-huxter and hedge-preacher who could get people to listen to him. There are few men, and most of these few are not believers in the inspiration of the Bible, who can draw an audience or command a fee like this same Col. Ingersoll, so I suppose it is but natural for you to feel jealous.

But you think it is a great wrong for him to make fun of Moses, because Moses is dead and can't talk back. How did it come about that you didn't think of that when you were talking about Paine and Voltaire ?

In a foot-note at page 7 of your lecture you refer to Colonel Ingersoll's military career, and you say, "It consists of a single engagement, in which he was chased into a hog-yard and surrendered to a boy sixteen years old." Of course, I do not know whether this story is true or not ; but there is at least one very good reason for doubting its accuracy, and that reason is, that it comes from a very unreliable source—a minister of