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apprehend it. If a man, looking into the lives and con-
duct of his fellow Christians; (so called at any rate,) and
looking into his own life and conduct, does not find that
he and they, have done many things that they should not
otherwise have done, and have left undone many things
that they should otherwise have done, in consequence of
their belief in, and desire to rule themselves by the com-
mands of, Jesus Christ—why the gulf between his experi-
ence and mine is impassable. No bridge can be built across
it. Till we can see our facts with eyes more alike, it is
idle to discuss them.

If, however, this allegation touching the failure of Chris-
tianity only means that many in countries and communi-
ties having the form of godliness deny its power, this is no
more than saying that the religion of Christ is what He
professed it to be, and that it always would be. He told
us plainly, that the net would always have the bad fish as
well as the good:—That the tares would be mingled with
the wheat; and that no separation could in this life be made;
that so it would continue to the judgment day. All this is
plainly set down in the thirteenth chapter of St. Matthew's
Gospel. And as he said it would be, so it was, from the
first. The Christians at Corinth were a very mixed body.
And, amongst the very *elite* of Christ's own most inner cir-
cle,—out of the twelve—there was one who had a devil.

Let go then these idle questions about what Christianity
has not done; and come see what it has done—is doing
now. It has been, and it is, a death unto sin, and a new
birth unto righteousness in many a soul. It has upheld—it
upholds—many and many a sorely tempted one; stops the
foot going down to vice; withholds the hand stretched out
to steal. The love of Christ has come upon many a man
in these times with as compelling power as that which
constrained Zaccheus, when he had done any wrong to any
man, to restore four-fold. Some it moves to give their sub-
stance, some to give themselves, for Christ's sake, and the
help of humanity. Oh! there is much good comes out of
Nazareth yet! Look, where goes that Christian woman,
delicately nurtured, unsparing of self, to tend the sick, the
wounded, and the dying. See where passes that other
into the abodes of misery, to rescue Christ's little ones from
their doom of infamy. Mark the white sails of yonder