

uniform throughout the rational species, needs an answer to this question from me ?

Recur to the page, which records the dealings both in manner and substance, of the early white settlers and of their successors, down even to the present day, with the unlettered and unwary Red man, and then recur to the susceptibilities of your own bosom, and the question is answered.

Say ye, on whom the sun light of civilization and christianity has constantly shone—into whose lap Fortune has poured her brimful horn, so that you are enjoying the *highest* and *best spiritual* and *temporal* blessings of this world. Say, if some beings from fairy land, or some distant planet, should come to you in such a manner as to cause you to deem them children of *greater light* and *superior wisdom* to yourselves, and you should open to them the hospitality of your dwellings and the *fruits* of your *labor*, and they should, by dint of their *superior wisdom* dazzle and amaze you, so as for what to them were *toys and rattles*, they should gain freer admission and fuller welcome, till finally they should claim the *right* to your possessions and of hunting you, like wild beasts, from your long and hitherto undisputed domain, how ready would *you* be to be taught of *them*.—How cordially would you open your *minds* to the conviction that they meant not to deceive you *further* and still more fatally in their proffers of pretended kindness.

*How much* of the kindness of friendship for them, and of esteem for their manners and customs would *you feel*? Would not “the milk of human kindness” in your breasts be turned to the gall of hatred towards them ?

And have not *we*, the original and undisputed possessors of this country, been treated *worse* than *you* would be, should any supposed case be transformed to reality ?

But I will leave the consideration of this point for the present, by saying, what I believe every person who hears me will assent to, that the manner in which the whites have habitually dealt with the Indians, make them *wonder* that their hatred has not burned with ten-fold fury against them, rather than that they have not laid aside their own peculiar notions and habits, and adopted those of their civilized neighbors.

Having said thus much as to the question, “Why have not the Indians been civilized and christianized by the intercourse and efforts of the whites ?”