

INTRODUCTION

In 1882 I wrote a series of letters reviewing Ingersoll's tactics and assertions about Christianity and religion in general, as exhibited in two articles published by him in the *Workman Review*. These letters were subsequently collected and published in book form under the title, *Notes on Ingersoll*. The little book had a large sale and was favorably received by the religious as well as by the secular press. It having been Ingersoll—who is cunning of tongue—Entered, according to Act of the Parliament of Canada, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, by WILLIAM BRIDGES, Book Steward of the Methodist Book and Publishing House, Toronto, at the Department of Agriculture.

"Let some of his disciples or admirers dilute his embroiled character. We hold ourselves responsible to him and to all the good little whiffets of his shallow school."

My anticipation was justified by the fact. Ingersoll so talkative generally, maintained a studied silence, though urged by the press and by interviewers in a way that must have been annoying to him.

Two years after the appearance of the *Notes*, one of his disciples, urged by "multiple requests" and challenged, published a "Reply to Rev. A. A. Lambert's *Notes on Ingersoll*."

From these "multiple requests" it is natural to infer that some response was considered necessary and that Mr. W. Lamb was the man competent to give it. Notwithstanding the title of his book, it is in fact nothing more than an essay towards a defense

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