

persons uncharitable enough to claim that the careful concealment of the word "Standard" was artfully designed, was *calculated* to preclude the possibility of your readers discovering this *suppressio veri* by a reference to the work quoted? For myself, I decline to believe that Dr. Williams is alone responsible for this contemptible piece of small trickery. I prefer to regard it as being largely the effort of one of his illustrious collaborators who is also well known to have proclivities which lie in that direction.

The gifted representative of No. 2 becomes excruciatingly funny and characteristically plausible over my remark that the three Head Centres, assured of the support behind them, are, ordinarily, merely specious and inane in Council debate, and tries hard to show that at least one of them can, on occasion, exchange the flatness of dialectic dishwater for the nastiness of literary bilgewater. And "willing to wound, but afraid to strike," he resorts to cowardly inuendo where he dares not openly affirm, and so insinuates that my raciness in debate is the language of Billingsgate. Now, any ten year old Ingersoll school boy can tell him that, however unpleasant and rasping—owing to the amount of truth they incase, the words *ductile*, *subservient* and *recreant* may be to him personally, and to his two elected associates of the Inner Circle, they do not belong to or approximate to the vocabulary of Billingsgate, and also that "racy" is a word of good and not of evil import, and that it means "rich, flavoured, spirited, forcible, pungent." His Standard Dictionary gives its antonyms or opposites as "cold, dull, flat, flavorless, vapid, stale, stupid," and says that "as applied to literary products *racy* refers to that which has a striking, vigorous, pleasing originality," and as an example of its use quotes De Quincey's "Opium Eater." "Pure mother English—racy, and fresh with idiomatic graces." Yet your elegant correspondent, purely on his own authority, ventures to assure you that "few members of the Council have a desire to be trained to this raciness of expression." Well! if such be the case, so much the worse for the Council. As to his vile inuendo touching myself and my friends, I challenge Dr. Williams to instance a single word or expression used in Council debates or in our letters to the press, either by myself or by any one of the members who act with me, that can be fairly characterized as coarse or vulgar or as approaching to coarseness or vulgarity. Will Dr. Williams accept this challenge, or, by his silence, confess that he has basely insinuated an untruth and suggested a charge which he cannot substantiate? Your many readers, sir, will watch with keen interest and curiosity, on which horn of this dilemma my honorable friend is prepared to sit impaled. Meanwhile his dishonesty in attempting to