

And more puissant. For the wicked there
 Are winged like Angels. Every knife that strikes
 Is edged for elemental strife, to assail
 A Spiritual life. The beautiful seems right
 By force of beauty, and the feeble, wrong
 Because of weakness. Power is justified,
 Tho' armed against St. Michael."

"The wicked there are winged like angels," aptly describes many of the modern productions of the press, which, in the form of papers, periodicals and books, steal into our houses, to "cheat and wound the hearts" of our dear ones. Satan comes not in his native repulsiveness, but "changed into an angel of light," and those who, were they to see him as he is, would say, "Get thee behind me"—seeing him as he seems, "pity, then embrace."

SATANIC PRESS OF LONDON AND NEW YORK.

Years ago there came under my eyes such statistics of the London Press as these. Ten stamped papers, vicious and sabbath breaking in their tendency, with an annual circulation of 11,702,000. Six unstamped papers all a degree lower in the scale of corruption, circulating yearly 6,240,000. Then sixty miscellaneous papers containing intolerably polluting trash, with a circulation every year of 10,400,000. But even beyond this dreadful limit there is a large annual circulation numbering over half a million, into which we dare not enter, so awfully polluting is the character. In the last mentioned class, engravings and colorings are employed to excite the lowest passions. It is true these last works are supposed to be sold by stealth, but they are easily procurable from the same sources as the papers and periodicals before mentioned. The vendor of the one generally procures the other. Moreover, the unstamped journals, previously alluded to, usually contain advertisements of the works, and as the sale of these journals is large they obtain a wide circulation for the filth which, bad as they are themselves, they would profess to abominate. Here we have nigh *thirty million* issues (swollen by this time probably to nigh double that number) from the satanic press of the old world, that is working incalculable mischief in many homes. New York is worse in proportion. Of 220 newspapers published there, only 46, about one-fifth, profess to be channels of religious influence; and of the remaining 175, 15 desecrated the Sabbath, 12 are organs of German Infidelity, and 8 support popery, leaving 139 which may be classed as secular. One hundred and eighteen periodicals and magazines are published in New York, of which 26 only can be counted strictly religious. The German and French Presses have been subsidised to an enormous extent by the devil. The devil has followed too in the wake of the missionary, to neutralize his influence and counter-work his efforts. Thus at Beirut in Syria, seven presses are busily issuing books of an injurious tendency, with which the solitary Missionary Press is trying unequally to cope. A little while ago, the