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## INFIDELITY AND POVERTY.

A man who had charge of a sort of refuge or shelter for the homeless in Boston tola me that he had about three thousand such ter, about eighty a day.

"How many Christians did you find among them?" I asked.

"Not one," was the answer.

Among the wild theorists who cry out for land, and wish to confiscate property, you find few Christians. Why? Because Christians usually have all the land they need, and can get more if they want it, as others could, if they would break their bottles, throw away their pipes, serve the Lord, and live soberly, righteously and godly in this present evil world.

The principles of Christianity are adapted to the elevation and improvement of the poor. Atheism and infidelity in all forms tend to produce poverty and crush the poor.

The late Bishop Thompson, in his "Moral and Religious Essays," gives an account of an influential, intelligent and strong-minded infidel in Ohio, who gathered about him a community of unbelievers, whose religious views corresponded with, and were largely moulded by his own. He took pride in his benevolence and kindness to the poor.

Soon the drafts on his liberality became so numerous as to awaken the inquiry: "How its fruit."-Ex. does it happen that this community is becoming more and more thriftless, while pros- Published by authority of the General Assembly perity abounds among people who live

Prosecuting this investigation thoroughly he discovered that in homes where the Bible! is found, and well used, there was no want, but where the Bible was absent he found present or approaching poverty.

Soon after an itinerant preacher came to hold services in a school-house, and when 'lewd fellows of the baser sort" sought to break up the meeting and drive away the minister, this champion of infidelity defended him and said to his infidel neighbors:

"I have been abroad among you, and find that you who revere the Bible live in pros-

perity; you who despise it are approaching pauperism, if not actually in distress. I am alarmed at what I have done; I have made me that he had about three thousand such persons pass through his hands in one winof good minds. I have a family of daughters, but I would rather follow them all to the grave than see them united in marriage to you. Henceforth I will be a friend of the Bible; it is the instrument of good."-Ex.

## WHAT INFIDELITY HAS NOT DONE.

lt has never raised a man or woman from sin. It never took a drunkard from the gutter, a gambler from his cards, or the fallen from a life of shame. It never found a man coarse and brutal in life and character and made of him a kind husband and father. It never went into heathen lands among the morally depraved, and lifted them out of their degradation. It has never written down native languages, translated literature, or prepared text-books, or planted schools. It has never founded hospitals for the sick or homes for the helpless.

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