

is not as other men or even as this poor sinner. But what does our Lord say? "I say unto you that the publican went away justified rather than the other." This man is a religious teacher—Is it not a matter for public comment whether he is a slanderer and a libeller or not? Now my learned friend threw his voice very low and tried to impress you with the view that it was a terrible thing to comment on this man's religious character, which he said in this case was a matter "between him and the children." What about the parents of the children? What about the public? What about God? I will show you according to his own authority, Odgers, that Atkinson is a fit subject of comment. On page 36 we read:

"The working of all public institutions, such as colleges, hospitals, asylums, houses, is a matter of public interest, especially where such institutions appeal to the public for subscriptions."

I think, if I remember rightly I have subscribed something for that Sunday school—I certainly have for the church and if I have not for the school others have.

Again: "A bishop's government of his diocese, a rector's management of his parish or of the parochial school are matters of public interest."

Is not the manager and management of a Sunday school then open to public criticism? Why we do not want authorities—the thing is common sense. And have we no guide—no standard? What does this book say?—"By their fruits ye shall know them." This prominent religious teacher teaches the 13 chapter of 1st Corinthians in which we are told that love is above all things.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels and have not love I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling

cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains and have not love, I am nothing. And, though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned and have not love, it profiteth me nothing."

And what does our Lord say? Love your neighbours? Yes. And your friends? Yes. Nay, more emphatically, love your enemies. This man sat in the same church with me a few Sundays ago, when the Rev. Mr. Carmichael preached on this subject; also when he preached on the 48th chapter of Isaiah. What did Mr. Carmichael say? That the Jewish church, in Isaiah's time, with its priests and levites, its doctors and Sunday Synagogue teachers was a "magnificent hypocrisy, a splendid insincerity;" and he said the Christian church to-day was in danger of being a "magnificent hypocrisy, a splendid insincerity." With the Bible speaking thus, and a Minister of the Gospel speaking thus, are we to take for granted the christianity of every man who professes himself a christian? How did this man display love—the love of Christ? What example did he set the children of that school and this community? How did he manifest his Christian love to the poor sinner who addresses you? How did he try to lead me from the benighted condition in which he thinks I am? He has told you from that box.—By determining to drive me from my seat; by aiming at my life as a public man; by pursuing me like a sleuth hound for three years and a half; by seeking to destroy me; with what weapons? The weapons of slander, of calumny, of lies. And if he thus fought, is his character such as should belong to a prominent religious teacher? Our Lord has said it is impossible but