

Religion is hypocritical.

As the two wayfarers came within the precincts of the town, the children of the Puritans looked up from their play,--or what passed for play with these somber little urchins,--and spoke gravely to one another:--

“Behold, verily, there is the woman of the scarlet letter: and of a truth, moreover, there is the likeness of the scarlet letter running along by her side! Come, therefore, and let us fling mud at them!” (67).