

brought into jeopardy. Love to God secures love to man, for if we own him as a father, we must own one another as brethren. Our obligations to fellow-men, in addition to their own force, are then included in our obligations to God; and, what is of very great importance to be observed, the most subordinate actions are hence invested with all the efficacy of the highest motives. If we displace these elevated sanctions, if we consign every sublunary transaction to its own slender buttresses, if we tell the haughty oppressor that no voice more authoritative than his own rebukes his cruelties, or the lurking assassin that no discernment more wakeful than that of his wretched victim watches his movements, is there not a danger, is there not a fearful certainty that even the residue of morals, so feebly protected, must yield to the pressure of temptation, and perish in the same gulf with the more solemn responsibilities of a disrelished piety? We have a corroboration of all these statements in the Socialist schemes of our modern Atheists. They have laid the axe not more at the root of religious doctrine than of all moral order. The same fell blow is to pros-