

impaired state. For though they are not the highest in the scale of being, neither are they the lowest; but are, indeed, noble when considered in their proper place, and with regard to their proper end. There is something grand and august even in the present fallen state of human nature, which speaks its Almighty Author; and those must grovel beneath their native destination, without exerting their strength, or aspiring at any thing that is generous, elevated or greatly good, who have not a just sense of this grandeur—May I have a just sense of it, and reverence my nature! May I consider myself as Thy image, and strive to act up to my dignity in the humble imitation of thy divine perfections.

To dispose me to do this, may I look deeply into myself, and frequently employ my thoughts at home. May I attentively listen to the still voice of a well-informed conscience, which is thy vicegerent within me. What it warns me not to do, may I ever sedulously fly from, however dear; and what it dictates to be done, may I ever resolutely atchieve, however hard!

2. WITH regard to Thee, O my God! may I make it the chief aim of my life to
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art, the sovereign object of all Love; Duties, re-
specting God.
for surely there is nothing that can satisfy the
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