

and the adoption of new principles and exercises. We believe in depravity — as the condition into which all mankind are brought by the force of temptation acting upon ignorance and weakness; in human, but not in natural depravity; in universal, but not in total depravity; in acquired, but not in hereditary depravity. We believe that the first step in obedience is repentance. We believe in Christianity as the great instrument of regeneration.

THE LOVE OF POPULARITY.

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THE love of popularity, a desire for approbation, when made a principle of *Action*, is perhaps the most corrupting and the most disappointing of all the affections of our Nature. It is corrupting, because it turns the regards of the mind in a selfish direction, defiles the motives by substituting the love of Praise for the love of *Praiseworthiness*, — and destroys Truth and simplicity of Soul by introducing among the inward sources of Life temptations of a foreign and worldly character, that either interfere with the pure and natural movements of the mind, — or dishonor and deform them by bringing to their aid the alien supports of selfish ends. A man desiring, on any question, to see where Right and Principle would lead him, can no more bring his own accommodation and indulgence into the foreground of his thoughts without corrupting his moral sight, than a man can introduce the love of commendation into the consultations of his soul, without at