

highest master-builder to the lowest fellow-labourer, refuse to help forward the divine work of love? Indeed the great men of the earth, bearing the lively characters of the divine majesty and authority, may be willing to excuse themselves from this employment. But should they not consider, that though we look up to them with a sort of reverential awe; though we say they are Gods and children of the most High: Yet the supreme Being, who inhabiteth eternity and dwelleth in light, views them all with an equal eye. "He accepteth not the person of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor; for they are all the work of his hands."* Under the shadow of his protection, the rich and poor meet together on equal ground and are alike the objects of his providential care and governance.

Of the middle rank between these two extremes there are multitudes in every society: These make up the bulk of the community. They are rich when compared with the poor; and poor when compared with the rich,