

of error is concealed. It is an ancient fallacy to speak of Nature as the representative of certain unchanging and inexorable laws by which the universe is governed, as distinct from the ever active personal control of an Almighty Creator. This idea also dethrones the God of Revelation as effectually as the theory of Evolution, being almost, indeed, in the nature of a corollary from it. It is probable, indeed, that Mr. Drummond would shrink from the avowal of so erroneous a view; but let us see to what amazing lengths the use of the language of sceptics has led him. He is speaking of the results of neglected powers or opportunities. "Nature," he says, "has her revenge upon neglect as well as upon extravagance. There are certain burrowing animals—the mole, for instance—which have taken to spending their lives beneath the surface of the ground. And *Nature has taken her revenge upon them* in a thoroughly natural way—she has closed up their eyes. If they mean to live in darkness, she argues, eyes are obviously a superfluous function. By neglecting them, these animals made it clear that they do not want them. And as one of Nature's fixed principles is that nothing shall exist in vain, the eyes are presently taken away or reduced to a rudimentary state." Now, the very contrary of all