

sound doctrine in the head without good morality in the life? There are too many proofs of this all around for any one to deny it. But the question is, Can there be good morality without sound doctrine? Three witnesses of weighty character give the latter question an emphatic *No*. Good morality cannot exist for any length of time separate from sound doctrine.

I. Calling into court the analogy of nature, what evidence do we get from its lips. The rule in nature is, that (while it may often happen that there may be found in one's orchard a tree with good roots and yet entirely destitute of fruit,) it never at all happens that there is found a tree with excellent fruit and yet entirely destitute of roots. Laying hold of this analogy, Arnot, thus pleasantly explodes the absurdity of divorcing dogma and duty: "A common street cry of the day is, 'Give us plenty of Charity, but none of your dogmas,' in other words, 'Give us plenty of sweet fruit, but don't bother us with your hidden mysteries about roots and grafting.' For our part we join heartily in the cry for more fruit; but we are not content to tie oranges with tape on dead branches lighted with small tapers, and dance around them on a winter evening. This may serve to amuse children, but we are grown men, and life is earnest. We, too, desire plenty of good fruit and therefore we busy ourselves in making the tree good, and then cherish its roots with all our means and all our might." No less happy, also, is Arnot—so much at home in all parables, similitudes and analogies drawn from nature—in exploding the fallacy embodied in the other maxim of this school of negative theology. "An ounce of Charity is worth a ton of doctrine." "This maxim" says Arnot, "is well constructed and its meaning is by no means obscure. If it were true I would have no fault to find with it . . . but it may be of use to express the same maxim in another form, lest any fallacy should be left lurking unobserved in its folds. 'A small stream flowing on the ground is worth acres of clouds careering in the sky.' In this form the maxim is arrant nonsense. Wanting clouds above us, there could be no streams, great or small, flowing at our feet; so, wanting dogma, that is doctrine revealed by God and received by man, there could be no