

when they attempt to put in practice the doctrines and advice, put forth in their inflammatory speeches and seditious prints.

Besides the insecurity of property, these outrages produce an *unnatural separation* between the classes who have acquired property, and those who are supported by daily labour. Many, many, in our free country have risen by their industry from the labouring class into the other—nay, to the very highest stations. The two classes are naturally dependent on each other; the lower more especially on the higher, and they ought to be united together as brethren and fellow citizens. The arm of power *can* enforce obedience to the laws, and whatever unprincipled agitators and political scribblers may prate and write about “physical forces” and the “power of might against right,” we have to bless God that those who have been foolish enough to be duped by them, and mad enough to make the experiment, have ever been found in our day, immeasurably the weaker party. *Great are truth and justice and they will prevail*; and on any serious attempt being made to overthrow these pillars of the Constitution, such a host of strength will rise up in their defence as must speedily and effectually crush the rash assailants. The guardians and possessors of property may be taken by surprise, but the country must be revolutionized indeed, and corrupted with the leaven of infidelity and sedition to an extent hitherto unknown, before they will suffer their just and indefeasible rights, to be wrested from them, by traitors to the common weal. But though the law *can* and *will* protect property, and enforce the relative duties connected with it, there are other duties not less binding and vastly important to the general welfare, which no human laws have power to enforce. The good will which ought to subsist between man and man; condescension, forbearance and liberality from superiors to inferiors in station on one hand; and on the other—respect, dutiful obedience, and gratitude for favours conferred. These have their seat in the heart and affections, and are to be judged of by the enlightened conscience and the Bible.