

third class of projects simply require the power of perseverance and patient effort. There are, too, various degrees and various measures of faculty in each of these departments of enterprise; and, as a general rule, according to the stock in possession and in actual service, will be the issue, result, or success of the undertaking. No one of common sanity would even think of tracing the literal steps and following the devious paths of Mungo Park without a tolerable share of geographical knowledge and a more than usual disdain of danger; or of equalling the fanciful excursions of Milton without a well stored mind and a highly cultivated and commanding imagination.

Not to premise further, a subject is before our mind, the qualifications for which are not easily named, and perhaps not very frequently possessed. One of their number, however, and one of such prominence as justly to entitle it to a high rank is defined and comprehended in the words, *Moral Bravery*. A religious patriot he would need to be, who discourses fearlessly and pertinently upon the subject embraced in the caption of this article. Nelson upon the wave of Trafalgar, or Ney upon the plains of Waterloo, required not a more full developement of the original impulse of patriotic courage, than any one who undertakes to delineate, in living characters of truth, those unamiable things which make up the composition known by the name of heresy. Prejudice, popular opinion, long established authority, the pride and power of the schools, with their hosts of well disciplined allies, stand up in rank and file and look us sternly in the face with the full eye of enmity and inveteracy, prepared for anything but treaties of peace, when we look into the annals of the past and compare things that have been with the things that now are, for the sake of reformation in a degenerate day. This opposition is regretted, not indeed because it is dreaded, but on account of its positive and relative injury to those who admire it and engage in it, and more especially on account of those who are the subjects of its snares, and who are the innocent sufferers under its power. For the ravages of war are not confined to the parties engaged. Innocent and peaceable neutrals are always the most worthy of sympathy, and make the most touching appeals to our commiseration.

But the words of a witness upon oath are not to be prevented. Who would take upon himself this responsibility? God may be feared but not man. If any one is bold, as Paul says, we are bold also. Independently of all the frowns, the councils, and the hostilities against it, "the lip of truth shall be established." God has given Christians a better spirit than the spirit of fear. He has given them "the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." We therefore "thank God and take courage."