

bowed. Nay, the intellect of the Scottish nation at many periods in its history has been aroused and trained by the discussions to which religion has given rise, and in which men of all ranks and classes have taken part. One may say, with all confidence, that the pulpit has done quite as much as the parish school, to develop among Scotchmen the intelligence which has made itself felt in so many lands and in so many spheres of honourable exertion.

How far this characteristic of Scottish piety is due to its great Reformer, it would be difficult to say. The great man of an age or of a nation is generally as much the product of the age or of the nation, as he is its moulder. They make him, if he in turn makes them. The fact in any case remains the same. Religious knowledge has gone hand in hand with faith and with pious feeling in our native land. The school has taken its place alongside of the