

its rich territories, climb its lofty heights, breathe its uncontaminated air, dwell under its cloudless sky, and feast his soul upon its living and abundant fruits, thus developing, in the full sunshine of the God of light, the hidden grandeur of his nature, until he is filled with the fulness and clothed with the perfection of Christ—he is stigmatized as a heretic who has departed from the faith, and his name, his memory and his work, surrounded with suspicion and flooded with reproach. O God of mercy! pity and open the eyes of those professed servants of thy Son, who defame thy children for aspiring to their birth-right, and improving the privileges to which thou hast called us in Christ Jesus.

It is idle to plead the good intentions of the advocates of articles and creeds. An old writer somewhere remarks, that the way to hell is paved with them. Intentions and motives are things of the heart and known only to God; but the tendencies and consequences of any action are open to all, and are the matters with which we have to do. Now articles and creeds are wrong in themselves; their very creation is a treasonable act, an invasion of the prerogative of the King of Zion, who is the only Lawgiver in his church; they are a monstrous monument of human infatuation, presumption and infirmity. Their consequences are bigotry,