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And John Bunyan, born in the atmosphere of the Puritan age, who struggled through much darkness and distress until he reached a Beulah land of Christian experience on earth, and by his "Pilgrim" taught millions the way to God and heaven which he had found.

And John Wesley, with a more healthful and cheerful temperament, who had a struggle equally long in rising out of a formal religion into a religion of triumphant living experience.

And William Wilberforce, born in 1759 and dying in 1833, whose nature responded to the spiritual atmosphere of his early adopted home; whose book, "A Practical View of Christianity," printed in more than a score of editions and translated into several European languages, was a means of spiritual awakening and illumination to untold multitudes, and who labored indefatigably, against great opposition and with ultimate success, for the abolition of slavery throughout British realms.

And Henry Ward Beecher, brought up in the atmosphere of Puritan New England, in which the sovereignty of God was the central idea of religion, who prayed and struggled till