

Scotchman to whom, of all others, his country and the world owe a debt."* Though men, enjoying the fruits of the victory which he won, have presumed to find fault, though they have often failed to see the almost woman-like gentleness that was joined with his fearless integrity, he stands out upon the canvass of the past as the one figure that his land should love to honor. And the righteousness that was aroused by the Reformation permeated like life-blood through the people. It called forth men that could bear witness to the truth and not fear to die, it cast them in an iron mould such as would fit them for their labors ; it nerved youths and weak women for martyrdom, and secured the priceless boons of civil and religious liberty. It gave new purpose to life, new dignity to labor, new attractions to literature and science, and, as Scotchmen went forth to other lands, and as the truths secured in Scotland were felt in other countries, it spread new life throughout the nations to the glory of God and to the good of man.

There are times when the language of simple narrative is the strongest eulogy, when words of truth require no coloring to make them words of praise. We feel this in reading the eleventh chapter of the epistle to the Hebrews, with its grand and simple muster-roll of eminent Saints of God. We feel it in some historic records, as when we read the unvarnished truths of the deeds that gave fame to Thermopylæ ; very strongly we feel it as we read of the martyrs who, in Scotland, bore witness to the truth, who, by their own self-sacrifice, secured for their nation the glory she will maintain as long as she maintains the martyr spirit among her people.

There are many reasons why a Scotchman may glory in and love his country. He may do so on account of her scenery of surpassing grandeur ; her hills whose outlines become to you like the faces of old familiar friends, her glens and streams, wild moors and fertile straths, have been felt, even by strangers, to rouse a sympathetic response to the question ; "Where is the coward that would not dare to fight for such a land ?" He may glory in his country because of the long roll of her warriors, men who held life cheap compared with civil and

* Carlyle ; "Lecture on Heroes."