

time have been removed, shines forth with pristine beauty, the character and work of Arminius, after the lapse of three centuries, have risen out of the obscuring mists of theological prejudice and bitterness, in fair and stately proportions, furnishing another remarkable example of men to whom after generations have awarded the just fame which was denied them by the narrow bigotry of their own times.

No subject has greater claims upon the studious attention of thoughtful minds, than the life-work and teaching of the men who have moulded the thought and action of the world. No desire to exalt piety by depreciating intellect should lead us to disparage the endowments, with which God has enriched those whose genius vindicates their right to kingship in the different provinces of the world of mind. Great men are God's precious gifts to a world that sadly needs them. Eminent Theologians, Philosophers, and Reformers, whose labours are in the sphere of mind and moral truth, are far more truly benefactors of the race, than those whose inventions and discoveries have lightened labour, and bestowed upon their fellow-men more palpable benefits. Great thinkers and workers, in the sphere of political, social, and religious reform, are the leaders who, through many a Red Sea of opposition and reproach, have led the fainting and vacillating hosts of humanity into goodly possessions, which they could not have won without such leadership. They are discoverers, who find out truths long hidden from common sight; inventors who enrich us with new methods of work, more conducive to success; captains, who organize and lead men to victory. As the best army requires a skilful general to direct its movements, so the moral and mental forces of the world need organizers and leaders, to render them powerful for good and permanent in their results. They lift up the standard of rebellion against mental serfdom, and teach men the value and dignity of freedom of thought. Such great souls deserve to be held in everlasting remembrance. For, as certainly as we owe political liberty to the heroic defenders of national independence, who shed their blood upon the battlefield resisting the tyranny of oppressors, we owe our intellectual and religious freedom to those who, in spite of danger and death, bravely uttered their unfaltering protest against the dominant errors and canonized fallacies of their times. Their noble deeds