

people call heresy. It made Sir Isaac Newton a Socinian, and Locke a Unitarian in their creeds. It caused Milton to become a rebel to monarchy, and tainted with Arianism the Paradise Lost. It brought Charles the first to the block, and Cromwell to the throne, and helped greatly to establish the mighty Republic of this Western continent. These last events could not have taken place so long as the old notion of the Divine right of kings, instead of the Divine right of men, held possession of the mind. That superstition done away, all was clear. Let us not be afraid of honest enquiry and progress. Doubtless there are restless souls that are ever on the wing of enquiry, and count it bondage to have any settled faith in anything. Such a mind is undesirable; it leads not to the legitimate use of scepticism. But there are more who hate to change their notions, however absurd. Such minds are like a stagnant pool, that the pure breezes of heaven never agitate; into which run no refreshing streamlets, and from which nothing flows; it becomes corrupt and is a receptacle only for weeds. Motion and progress, both in thought and action, is the normal condition of the mind of man. Man is like a noble vessel, not built to be anchored, but to sail. "An anchorage may at times be a temporary need, in order to make some special repairs, or to take fresh cargo on board, yet the natural condition of both ship and soul, is not the harbor, but the ocean, to cut with even keel the vast and beautiful expanse, to pass from island on to island, of more than Indian balm, or to continents fairer than Columbus won; or best of all, steering close to the wind to extract motive power from the greatest obstacles. Men must forget the eternity through which they have to pass, when they talk of anchoring here upon this bank and shoal of time. It would be a tragedy to see the shipping of