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Providence raises up to be the human embodiments of them, and to give direction to their course. Among the leaders may be mentioned the following: Bernard of Clairvaux, the great Roman Catholic monk, born in 1091 A.D., died 1152 A.D., the author of the hymn commencing with the lines:

"Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy Presence rest"—

a man of sane judgment, and of humble, beautiful, saintly spirit, but absolutely fearless in the presence of the strongest men; called "the moral arbiter of Europe in his day."*

And Martin Luther, in whom the awakening spirit of modern Europe found a voice when the long night of the Middle Ages had come to a close, and who led the way in the work of emancipating human reason from ecclesiastical authority

*We recommend a beautiful work on "Bernard of Clairvaux, His Life and Times," by Rev. Dr. R. S. Storrs, published by Charles Scribner and Sons, New York. In this work the reader will see how a Protestant minister can appreciate a Roman Catholic saint. Dr. Storrs belonged to the Congregational body.