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THE LIFE AND THEOLOGY OF ARMINIUS.

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IN the year 1560, fourteen years after the immortal Luther had yielded up his brave spirit to God; forty-three years after he had begun the great Protestant Reformation, which broke asunder the fetters of centuries, and shed the light of divine truth upon thousands darkened and enslaved by Romish superstition; and four years before the death of the stern Reformer of Geneva, who has given his name to a severe but compact system of theology—in the pleasant little town of Oudewater, in the province of Utrecht, in Holland, a child was born, whose future expositions of Scripture doctrine were destined to influence the currents of theological thought for all time; and who shall be held in honoured remembrance as long as clear and powerful intellect, extensive and sound scholarship, consistent and devout piety, and rare force and massiveness of character, united in one person, can command the esteem and admiration of men. For beyond all question, JAMES ARMINIUS was one of the world's truly great men—

“One of the few, the immortal names,
That were not born to die.”

“He being dead yet speaketh.” Like one of those tarnished paintings of the old masters, which, when the encrustations of

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