

could enable us to do better. Never let it be said, that, had we but striven more earnestly, the society would have prospered and flourished. Rather, let sloth, and backward shame, and all unmanly fears be given to the winds; for none ever fairly dared in the field of wisdom, that were known to be truly and utterly driven back. The ancients feigned for themselves a goddess, who was helpful to all intellectual efforts:—she was of a fair countenance, representing the serene beauty of wisdom, and clad in armour, to imply the adamantine force of that wisdom, whether for attack or defence. But we are better taught. We have disclosed to us, the one, living, eternal source “of all utterance and of all knowledge,”—who giveth wisdom “to all men liberally, and upbraideth not.” Relying on this sure strength, we will commence our season of literary labours without fear and doubtfulness;—being sure of an ample harvest, if He only shall deign to bless our humble endeavours.

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