

will do this ; but there must be genuine piety in the community, or liberty will ere long degenerate, if it does not utterly expire. And it was the lot of Puritanism, for the first time in this world's history, to discover, and by its sufferings and struggles and triumphs to demonstrate, this most important of all principles in the science of government. Even yet the world is purblind to this truth ; and men are every where struggling for liberty, and expecting to sustain it when acquired, though religion have but a feeble hold upon the community. And when they are disappointed, as they always are where pure religion does not prevail, enlightened statesmen seem in general to overlook this fundamental defect, and attempt to account for the failure upon other principles. But the Puritan has ever been distinguished, — and in almost every country but our own has been hated and persecuted, — not more for the uncompromising features of his theology than for his stern independence of character. Yet that independence is founded in his religion ; and not till his views prevail, and his example be imitated, will men come into the full realization of their dreams of freedom.

3. *The subject shows us that the prevalence of true religion will insure the prevalence of education and liberty.*

Christianity is as stern an advocate of education among all classes as for the freedom of all. Nor can it conceal features so strongly marked ; so that wherever it prevails in its purity it will insist upon enlightening men's minds, and in breaking from their necks every yoke. And here, too, Puritanism has set the example. Wherever she has planted her foot, her first care has been to rear a temple to Jehovah, then to found the college, the academy, and the primary school.

4. *We see how important to the defence and purity of*