

illimitable." He therefore is in favor of parliaments, deputies, superiors of the people, *magistratus inferiores*, with sovereignty each in their circle. These, and not private citizens, are to resist tyrannic authority. He hailed with gladness the Dutch insurrection against Spain. For Condé he recruited cavalry regiments, and presided over the diplomatic bureau in Geneva which maintained the French Huguenots in friendly relation with Germany's Reformed princes.

If then in Beza no single character-trait is wanting, the development of which we saw in the course of Calvinism, we find them still more sharply outlined in Calvin, even if somewhat intricate because of the trappings of the times.

With him, also, we consider first the liberty of conscience. The trial of Servetus needs no recital here. Whoever chides the reformer of Geneva for this procedure makes simple exhibition thereby of lack of historic knowledge. The spirit of the times was the executioner at the stake of Servetus, and not Calvin. For this assertion we have no proof more conclusive and final than the testimony of Servetus himself, when, concerning the "incorrigible and obstinate wickedness of heresy," he writes with his own hand, that "this is a crime plainly worthy of death with God and men." What Calvin spake and did after the manner of his times does not concern us, but only that which, in distinction from the spirit of the times, he introduces as new principle. And this was his position, that, although in the essentials of our Christian confession no heresy was to be tolerated, yet toward those who diverged in minor points toleration should be shown, "since there is no one whose mind is not darkened by some little cloud of ignorance." This is a principle. The Huguenots extended this toleration to unarmed Romanists. The Holland republic went farther, and tolerated different forms of worship, at least within closed doors. Still further developed, it led in England to the "Toleration Act," until finally in America the last consequence is deduced in the emancipa-