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RIGHT IS MIGHT.

Right is might, but might is not right. No assumption of power by a ruler, no haughty control of the affairs of church or state, however much power there may be to enforce papal bulls or imperial mandates, can make the wrong right, or the right wrong. Right, truth and justice must triumph over every obstacle set in the way. The Divine Creator in making the creatures of His hands, did not intend that high-handed oppression should overrule the first law of his divine nature.

In looking over the history of the past, we see the mighty voice of the people demanding that which the verdict of the ages following has said was right and just. But with how great a struggle, and how tenacious a grip, do the strong party hold their power. How reluctant to lose one inch of the contested ground. Take, for example, the plebians at Rome, or the common people at Athens, being held in subjection and oppression by the ruling power. What an object of admiration is the steady progress which the people made when in pursuit of the rights and privileges to which they were entitled. No amount of coercion, no cunning legislation could withstand the steady march of truth and right.

England furnishes us with another ex-

ample of the steady progress of the people to the full enjoyment of the privileges to which they were entitled. But better understood, perhaps, are the trials and vicissitudes which our forefathers had to endure, when in search of a land where they might enjoy full liberty to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. Embarking on the stormy sea, bound for that stern land, which then scarcely knew its name, outriding the fierce and tempestuous storm, defying the hardships of the wilderness, braving the dangers of the forests, and, still worse, of the Satan-endowed savage; thus striving for life and the principles for which they had left their homes, at last we see them firmly planted upon the American shores.

In the study of the steady progress of events, from the first landing of the Pilgrim Fathers upon Plymouth Rock, on down to the oppressive acts of the British during the colonial government, terminating in the Revolutionary War, none can doubt that Providence was on the side of the weak, but the right.

On the one hand, we see the rights of the few, on the other the array of the proud and haughty oppressor. On one side, a mere handful of "undisciplined yeomen," having no organized forces, no money, no credit—in fact, nothing but