

He was a man of coarse and heavy figure, about the middle size. His eyes were gray and keen; his nose was too large for his face, and of a deep red. His look was harsh and forbidding; his manner, to the last, blunt and clownish. But within this rugged frame there burned a great, and,—let us believe,—a truly religious soul.

His son Richard, a gentle, modest man, quietly succeeded to the station of Protector. But the soldiers missing their great chief, grew mutinous, and Richard resigned in five months. Retiring to his farms at Cheshunt, he lived the peaceful life of a country gentleman until 1712.

The few Independent members of the Long Parliament, whom Oliver had expelled, were restored by the officers of the army. But disagreement soon arose, and a second expulsion by military force cleared the Parliament Hall. It was a critical hour for England. A day seemed to be coming like that in ancient Rome, when soldiers set up the Empire for auction, and knocked it down to the highest bidder. Cavaliers and Presbyterians forgot their enmity in their fear.

Disunion in the army saved the country. General Monk, a cautious and reserved man, marched from Scotland to London with 7000 troops. The nation waited with trembling anxiety to know his resolve, and great was their joy when he declared for a free Parliament. The Presbyterian members, who had been expelled by Colonel Pride, returned to their seats in the Long Parliament, and that famous body finally dissolved itself.

A new Parliament, composed chiefly of Cavaliers and Presbyterians, was then summoned. It was rather a Convention than a Parliament, since it had not been convoked by the King. It was clearly seen that the hearts of both Parliament and people were leaning towards their exiled Sovereign; and when Monk, one day, announced in the Parliament that a messenger from Charles was waiting for admission, the news was received with joyful shouts. A warm invitation was at once despatched to the King, who gladly returned to his native land.

Among many sects which at this time sprang from the Puritan body, the Quakers deserve notice. Their founder