

life has been the happiness and welfare of her people, whose name alone should be sufficient to exorcise the devil of treason from any heart, those men, I say, who living under *such* a government, and *such* a Queen, can deliberately plot the overthrow of her authority, outrage not only every precept of Christianity, and every feeling of loyalty and patriotism, but even the common instincts of humanity. Emphatically may we say in reference to conduct such as theirs, "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft."—1 Samuel, xv. 23.

5. Still another duty due to the Sovereign is that of *Loyalty*, which implies not merely respect for his office, but attachment to his person. In maintaining this feeling, however, I do not think it is necessary that a man should be perpetually talking about it. He who is always boasting of his courage, is proverbially a coward, and he who boasts much of his honesty needs to be watched, so he who is ever boasting of his loyalty is very likely to be a traitor at heart. True loyalty shows itself in deeds, not in words, and hence he who is truly loyal will be ready, when occasion calls, to risk both life and property in defence of his country and his Sovereign. He who should refuse to do so is undeserving of the protection of the laws, and unworthy of the blessings of a free government. It only remains to notice very briefly,

IV. THE PRINCIPLE OR MOTIVE FROM WHICH THESE DUTIES SHOULD BE PERFORMED.
This principle the text supplies, "not only for *the* but also for conscience sake."

The meaning of this is plain: we are to obey the civil magistrate not merely from fear of punishment, but from the desire of keeping a clear conscience towards God. "For as *civil government* is established in the order of God for the support, defence and happiness of Society, they who transgress its laws not only expose themselves to the penalties assigned by the Statutes, but also to guilt in their own consciences, because they sin against God. Here are *two* powerful motives to prevent the infraction of the laws, and to enforce obedience. 1. The dread of punishment; this weighs