

religious liberty, and who, on many a foreign field, maintained the honor of their land, men "whose names the world would not willingly let die." He may glory in her because of her poets and philosophers; who, by "thoughts that breathe and words that burn," have helped to lead the world onward to the golden age that awaits it. He may love her for the memories of days that are gone, when in childhood he sported by the burnside and among the daisies, or, in ripening youth, was closely linked with those from whose spirits oceans and continents now seem powerless to sever him. Or, with a calmer glory and a more tender love, he may turn in memory to the quiet kirk-yard where rest the remains of his dear and honored dead. But though for such reasons as these he may justly love and glory in the land of his fathers, yet all these glories grow dim by reason of the glory that excelleth. It is because of the witness she has borne to God's truth among men, and the power she has had in moulding earth's kingdoms for Christ, it is because of this honor that the God of Israel has given her, and the righteousness by which He has exalted her that "her very dust to him is dear."

Scotchmen and descendants of Scotchmen, who look with pride to the land of your fathers, be it yours to cleave as they did to the righteousness that alone can exalt a man or a nation. Led by their spirit of devotion to God, animated by their strong love of country, be it yours to spread in this land of your adoption the principles of those who made Scotland great. While we have a heritage from the past, we have a work for the present; while we rejoice in the memories of the land of our fathers, we cannot forget that our first duty is to the land that we live in. We shall be faithless to the teaching of Scotland's history and shall become "degenerate sons of noble sires," if we content ourselves with the admiration of departed greatness and fail to extend the spread of present goodness. On us God lays the honour, to us He gives the privilege of seeking to advance in Canada, that firm devotion to the will of God which has exalted Scotland. It is not merely nor mainly by the material prosperity of our land, though it be rapidly increasing, nor by our connection with an Empire that is famous in history, nor by any wisdom of legislation, nor by the growth