

worthier qualities by which we have seen that of our native land to be characterized.

We can hope to do this only by being ourselves earnestly and consistently Christian ; by being taught by the grace of God "to live soberly, righteously, and godly," "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts."

We are under the strongest obligations to such a life. Many of us are the offspring of godly parents. Many of us enjoyed those advantages of early religious instruction and of pious example, of which I have spoken. Let us resolve, by God's help, to act suitably to our parentage and our privileges. Have we hallowed memories to help us in our moments of weakness and of temptation? Let us see to it that our children, when we are gone, have memories not less holy and strengthening. Had we upright, prayerful, pure-living parents? Let us not dare to be dishonest, impure or prayerless sons and daughters of such par-