

is a God ; there is a spiritual world ; there is a life to come." It fixes the idea of responsibility in the mind of a child. It develops as neither pulpit nor Bible nor S. S. can do, a sense of duty to God and man. Blessed is the home that is thus devoutly consecrated to God. Whatever uncertainties hang to human view, over its future history ; whether predominates there the voice of health and gladness, or the wail of sorrow and pain ; whether its larder be filled with plenty, or made lean by poverty ; how oft soever its windows may be darkened by calamity and death,—one thing is sure, it is the abiding place of the Most High ; the angel of the covenant is there, and in the deepest night of grief that home has light and hope and peace. What has given Scotland the proud position she occupies to-day among the nations of the earth ? Is it her insular position, the wisdom of her rulers, the valour of her soldiers, or the genius of her poets ? No, not at all. Her greatness and her power are to be explained in the honor in which God has been held in her families. It is Christianity among her people that is the grand secret of all her prosperity and her greatness. And this Christianity is fed and nourished chiefly at the family altar, in such scenes as Robert Burns photographs in his "Cottar's Saturday Night."

"From scenes like these old Scotia's grandeur springs  
That makes her loved at home, revered abroad.  
Princes and lords are but the breath of kings,  
An honest man's the noblest work of God."

Yes, friends, here is the secret of Scotland's greatness. It lies not in her ironclads, and her Armstrong guns, but it rests on something far mightier than armies and navies—the Christianity of her people, a Christianity that begins and is carried on at the family altar. This is the righteousness that has exalted that nation, and this righteousness, far more than the richest products of our mines, fields and forests, will make this Dominion truly great and happy. Talk of colleges ! The best college in which the professional men of Zorra ever