

served in our charities, and there are preferences not to be lost sight of, in apportioning the measure of Christian beneficence. We are charged, *as we have opportunity, to do good into all men, specially unto them that are of the HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.* And in a similar way, the love of country, like all other human attachments and predilections, must be viewed in connection with the principles of our religion, and must then receive its noblest zest when we can look upon the land which we love, as the home of faith, and the chosen depository of blessings for mankind. *My brethren*, says the Apostle, *my kinsmen, according to the flesh*, mourning over them, indeed, because they had lost their privileges, but yearning in his bowels at the retrospect, *my brethren, who are Israelites, to whom pertaineth the adoption and the glory and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises.* The glow of national feeling within the bosom of the Israelite kindled up with redoubled brightness in catching its fire from the altar of God, and the sentiment became sanctified with which he was enabled to say of the Palestine in which he gloried, "This is my own, my native land." • It is part of the prayer of King Solomon at the dedication of the temple, that wherever the people might be carried away to captivity, they might be heard in their supplications when they should turn *towards the place whereof the Lord had said that he would put his name there*; and it was thus that Daniel prayed when in defiance of the tyrannical edict contrived for his destruction, *his window being open towards Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times*

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• Scott's lay.