

II.—The second proposition is,

That is our duty to transfer to this Land the patriotism which characterized your fathers in the old. "The Scotch have ever been

A PATRIOTIC PEOPLE.

They loved the land that gave them birth—it was sacred soil to them. You are all aware that few battles for Scottish freedom were ever fought [*i.e.* If we except religious freedom] it may be that the wild and barren moors were not a very tempting prize for the cupidity of a conqueror, or, perhaps, they did not deem it safe to meddle with such a sturdy and independent people. *Nemo me impune lacessit*" is, at least, our national motto. "No one touches me with impunity." At all events, Scottish patriotism has only been put twice or thrice to the test. In the 13th century King Acho (Haco) of Norway with a fleet of 160 ships, and a great company of Danes, appeared on the west coast and sailed up the Frith of Clyde as far as Largs. Then it was that Alex. III. led his patriotic subjects to victory. The Invader was driven from their shores for ever, and the sovereignty of the Hebrides and of the Isle of Man gained for Scotland. Again, in the same century Edward I. defeated the Scotch, but could not subdue them. They never dreamed of carrying a foreign yoke—it was galling to them—the iron was entering into their soul.

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and after him *Bruce*, of whom we read in the *Scottish Chronicles* or the *Black Book of Paisley*, "that with 30,000 valiant men he vanquished Edward II. with 100,000, on the field of Bannockburn and so delivered Scotland from the servitude of England, all Englishmen being expelled from the land. With the exception of an inroad in Cromwell's time, Scotland has not since been called on to prove her patriotism—she maintained her independence, till

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were placed side by side on the same banner and a Scottish King crowned in Westminster Hall. From that time her patriotism has been as noble as that of the nation with which she became identified. When the union took place and Scottish nationality was merged into a wider nationality,—did she selfishly strive to keep her patriotism still? Oh, no; she bore her part bravely in England's battles. Like the valiant men of Rueben, Gad, and Manasseh, whose land lay east of the Jordan—but who were to go up before their brethren armed and help them—so the hardy Highlanders and valiant Scots have ever been ready to go up armed before their brethren—south of the Tweed, and turn the battle to the gate. They have led many a charge, and

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in India, the Crimea, and at Quebec, and their name stands high upon the roll of honour. When Scotland and England were one then Scottish patriotism was no longer *Scottish* but *British*. And now that you come to