

peculiar affection toward Israelites indeed. "Compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses," justly may the memory of their deeds draw us to tread in their steps; and when thoughts go up to the heroes whose renown constitutes the richest flower of the country whence we came out, our cherished mindfulness should stir for worthiest ends, the question—What manner of persons ought the sons of Scottish sires to be?

As Zion, coming into mind of the scattered tribes, drew them "to take pleasure in her stones and to favour the dust thereof," so we, who are away from scenes familiar in younger years, confess to a sentiment of fondness for the homes which distance only strengthens. Lofty hill or shaggy heath—tiny brook or grassy brae—mossy lea or wavy loch—these are vividly recalled; and though in vastness unequal to the mountains or forests, the rivers or prairies, the vales, or lakes of immediate surroundings, we seldom fail to measure the impressiveness of the latter, as they seem to mirror the attractiveness of the former. Grand panorama of nature greets him who stands for survey on the Royal height which crowns our city; but its value appears enhanced when the whole suggests similitudes that speak to us of far-off Caledonia! Behind, the Laurentian range may image to our eyes the Northern Grampian chain. In front, the Adirondacks, running through another realm may tell us of the Cheviots that link our soil with the south of Britain. West or East of us, as fancy sweeps from ocean to ocean, with rapids, islets, falls and straits, we picture varied points from Pentland Firth to Solway Sands. And thus reading the local map we find the perusal a real pleasure, because its lessons freshen remembrance of regions still dear as the spots about which past travel circled or early associations clung.