

men born to honor. Men have been set apart and fitted in their birth for exalted stations, for places that God pronounced honorable above all others. Jeremiah was not the only one of whom it could be said, "Before I formed thee in the womb I sanctified thee and ordained thee a prophet to the nations." Mary the wife of Joseph could not have had the honor of being the mother of the Lord had she not been the descendant of David. This was not the result of acting well any part, but by the ordination of God, who bringeth all things to pass, according to the counsel of His own will. She was called honored of the Lord before she acted any part in that for which she was considered honored. We are specially enjoined to honor the king, not on account of his acts, but because, through birth, he holds that distinguished place that demands honor. We are to honor our father and mother, not on the ground that having acted well their part they are worthy, but because, by the ordination of God, they are placed in a position to us that demands respect.

Now, have we not come to that point where we are at liberty to say that some have advantages, through birth and conditions of environment, that help them strongly on their road to honor. Surely the one who is born in a Christian land, and has been from his youth up taught the truth, as it is in Jesus, is in a favored condition. What a slur it is on the holy religion of Christ to say that a Christian probably knows less about God than a heathen. Is the revelation which Christ gave of the Father so imperfect that it fails to accomplish its end? If all the honor lies in acting well our part, and none arises from condition, then let us never thank God for our birth in a Christian land and our so-called Christian privileges.

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FOUNDER'S DAY.*

It certainly is most befitting that not only those immediately connected with the College, but that every Canadian Baptist should be reminded of the great blessing they receive in the founding of this University. But while the Baptists of Canada are made the heirs of the late Senator McMaster's fortune, only the merest fraction of the rank and file of our people can hope to ever enter this building and listen to a lecture in its class-rooms. The great majority must be content to receive the blessing second-hand. The direct and greatest gainers are the students. To them also is given the honor of distributing the bread to the multitudes. May the loaves multiply on their hands.

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