

Addressing himself particularly to the members of the society who sat before him, Rev. Mr. Wallace said :—

“ Brother members of St. Andrew’s Society,—This Society exists for the purpose of perpetuating what is best in Scottish character. When our fathers left the Old Land for their new home across the seas they brought with them the sacred fires from off the altars of their homes, the love of the open Bible, the love of civil and religious freedom. They have bequeathed a glorious heritage to every man in whose veins there runs Scottish blood. If we are worthy sons of worthy sires, we shall prize that inheritance. They helped to lay broad and deep in this new land the foundations of good government and pure national life. They have committed to us the task of building the superstructure. May we be found true unto our sacred trusts, and do it wisely and well. We have all the inspiration that comes from helping to mould a new nation under these Western skies. We are free from many of the conditions that trammel men in the Old World, and at the same time we have all the benefit of their experience. The past may speak to us, not to discourage, but to encourage and assure us ; but it is the future that, in this new world especially, appeals to us to see to it that the stones in the building we are erecting are well and truly laid. We have our own questions to settle ; not the same questions that our fathers had, perhaps, although in some respects the same slightly changed. We have our own problems to solve ; we have our own dangers to guard against. But if it please God, Scottish men will not be found wanting any more in the future than in the past. We will contend against slavery and untruth. We will stand for brotherhood and religious liberty, for righteousness as between man and man, and in pursuance of this sacred trust we shall not take count of obstacles.