

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF NEW YORK.¹

THIS is a great day for Scotland! I should have been glad to come even further than from Montreal, in order to take part in such a celebration. It is always a pleasure to visit New York. This is not the first time I have had to thank the official position which I hold up in Montreal, rather than any individual merits of my own, for the opportunity of getting into close touch with considerable sections of your people, both here and in other important centres. I am a great admirer of the American nation—I suppose I may still use that designation, unless you tell me that you want to adopt the brand-new combination which Sir Edward Clarke has so obligingly designed for you on the other side. I am especially an admirer of the Scottish portion of your people. We all know what Scotchmen have been privileged to do for the building up of these United States. As for Canada, it was a Scotchman who made us a present of that country—the Fraser Highlander who guided Wolfe's army up the Heights of Abraham. Speaking before this audience, I may say I am glad he was not a hated Hessian! And to-night Scotchmen all the world over are drawn together in the bonds of a joyous and a loving brotherhood. Let me begin, therefore, by thanking you for the opportunity you have given me of taking part in the proceedings of so large and representative an assemblage of those whom I am proud to claim as my Scottish kinsfolk.

There is something inspiring in the sense of contact with others of the same origin—with fellow-countrymen—in a land that is warmed by another sun than that which shines—or

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