

a home which she will call *her own*, may she not go forth without a mother's blessing. In conclusion we hold that the development of an independent national spirit is most honorable. So long as we boast of British bravery, or wealth; or American enterprise and liberality, we borrow their name and fame and call it ours. So long as we pride ourselves on our relations to any Parent Church, in Scotland, in England, or in the States, we rest on a borrowed dignity and a borrowed history. Is this honourable? If we have no right to respect, no claim to any honour, let us not borrow them and then boast of our borrowing—rather let "our own works praise us in the gates." Oh no! let us have nothing borrowed but

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST.

that must be borrowed; we have none of our own. All our righteousness is but as filthy rags. What will it avail us if at our Saviour's coming we be found without the "wedding garment." Many of you are good Scotchmen; may you all become good Canadians, and, above all, good Christians, clothed with Christ's righteousness, saved by "Jesus only." I care not what your nationality may be; let us not make too much of it; let us remember that there are better things than patriotism—piety is better. One thing is needful, "and in seeking that one thing we drop all distinctions and as poor sinners seek forgiveness at the feet of Jesus.

NATIONALITIES ARE UNKNOWN IN HEAVEN.

"In Christ there is neither Greek nor Jew, barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free, but all are one." After all the great matter is to be "in Christ." Brethren, do not leave that question unsettled. "Are you in Christ? If you are indifferent about this matter now, you will regret it when you come to die, and die you must; your presence in this House of God tells you that death is drawing nearer. Four years ago to-day you gathered in this Church, but some are no longer with you. Some prominent and some of the most useful members both of the gentlemen and ladies' committee have been cut down by death. We trust they are all safely gathered in the Church of the first born in Heaven. The next four years will likely witness greater changes. Do seek preparation for the life to come. While you glory in St. Andrews' Day, remember that to some of you

THE "DAY OF THE LORD"

may be near at hand. Remember, also, that "St. Andrew's Cross" can never do as a substitute for the "Cross of Christ." Would that each one of us could say, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world—Amen.

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