

itself in mere words. The history of the Church to which he belonged allows us to make this inference. Paul, it appears, had appealed to the Corinthians to give their aid and support to certain brethren in need and distress. That help was willingly and cheerfully granted. Quartus probably had his share in it. And we may conclude, not without reason, that his brotherliness took definite shape in the aid he gave to the needy and the protection he threw around the weak.

I have been speaking of that which constitutes the glory of the Scottish people. Much has been given to us, much will be required of us. There is no privilege that does not carry with it a corresponding obligation.

We do not exist merely to keep alive the name and associations of the fatherland. This society is chiefly philanthropic. Were it not so it must decline in interest and in usefulness. The objects for which its funds are expended are only to be commended. They are such as Christ put His seal upon in His life of love to His brethren. When He fed the multitude who had gone out into the wilderness without making provision for the hunger that must come ; when amid the agony of the cross he commended His mother to the care of the beloved disciple John, he was setting an example that we might well follow.

I have no doubt that sometimes your gifts will be misplaced. That the unworthy have been the recipients of your bounty, that it were better if your charity had not been given, but the Lord's example in this, too, should be helpful. He who knew what was in the heart of man, who foresaw that one of His apostles would betray Him, did not check the outflow of His bounty. In the days of youth we trust men, but we find, to our sorrow, that we have been betrayed ; it is a bitter experience, and we are disappointed and almost ready to