

ly origin and gracious qualities I have spoken. It is surely unnecessary to remind you, or to do more than remind you, that we may be Scotchmen and the children of Scotchmen, and yet not Christians; that we may boast connection with the land of Knox, the fearless preacher of righteousness, and yet be ourselves the veriest slaves of sin; strange in our own persons to all that has made our country great and honoured; that we may even carry in our veins the blood of martyrs, and yet, by our worldliness, our profanity, or our cowardice, be ourselves nothing better than traitors to the cause in which that blood was shed. Let me cherish the hope that it is otherwise with you whom I am permitted to address this evening; if so, you will all the more readily forgive the freedom which I use in warning you of such a possibility. Let us one and all resolve to have, by the help of God, in ever larger measure in our lives,