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THE exploits of the sons of Calvert County, emulating the knights of old, remind us today in this historic setting of the precious possessions handed down to us from former generations.

Today we exemplify the real meaning of human brotherhood. Nationalistic prejudices in a world of brothers are the gravest and most unreasoning barriers to peace. Looking about today we are all aware of a real neighborliness. We are animated by good will in our resolve to cultivate nobility of mind and largeness of heart.

Calvert County has always been synonymous with courtesy, hospitality, and chivalry. Patriotism has for decades lent color to Calvert's escutcheons in a world of unrest and strife. Amid the picturesque setting of this tournament my mind calls forth the memory that Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney, of the Supreme Court was born in Calvert County. With so many of these fine citizens gathered together, profound indeed, must be our gratitude to this county that has given so much to Maryland.

Our State has maintained its high place among the Commonwealths of the Country by reason of its adherence to the principles inculcated in our citizenship by previous generations. No county of this State has richer traditions which are the proud boast of Marylanders than Calvert County which, historically, is the very symbol of the Maryland-bred principle that toleration should be a watchword of our citizenship.

The present time is remarkably suited for recalling those who gave so much to Maryland and their own name was taken for the banner of this locality—the Calverts. They came to Maryland because of oppression and today the world sees again examples of unusual political and social series of order. Every conceivable plan is being discussed and, in many places, different methods are being put into practice than those that prevail in our land. Well might it be said that nations everywhere are at a turning point in their histories.

However, America will be safe if it holds steadfast to the principles of the Calverts and to the example set by the settlers of this County, who were insistent upon individual liberty. They recognized that governments were made for man and not man for governments. The three rights essential to democratic government everywhere were established in early Maryland. These were, firstly, the right of people to initiate their own laws through their own legal representatives; secondly, the right of people to convene their own Legislatures; and thirdly, the right of the people to have no laws imposed upon them which their own representatives do not approve and pass.

Without equivocation and without fear of successful contradiction, it can be said that democratic government, liberty and democracy would have been