

which they were so proud, and which is so proud of them. John Welsh, of Philadelphia, stood among the foremost, in a city where distinguished men in all the professions abound, and added dignity and lustre to his calling, as a merchant, by his broad culture, his generous sympathies and his public spirit. His appointment as ambassador to the Court of St. James was more than a compliment to him personally; it was an honor to his profession, and a credit to his country. Wheaton says of the art of negotiation, in his *Elements of International Law*: "It depends essentially on personal character and qualities, united with a knowledge of the world and experience in business." Mr. Welsh's qualifications for the high mission entrusted to him could hardly have been more exactly stated, and they became only the more conspicuous during his official residence in England. His fellow-citizens of Philadelphia are proposing to place a statue in their public park, to commemorate his name, and character, and services. William E. Dodge has been thus commemorated in New York, and George Peabody in London. It is fitting that John Welsh should be remembered in the same way, in the city in which he was born and where he lived and died; and upon his pedestal, the words of wisdom uttered three thousand years ago might well be inscribed: "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before obscure men."