

schoolhouse, induced the neighbors to build it, and then boarded the teacher. At home, and in the school, the youngest boy sought information with great avidity, and it was not long till he had mastered the elements of an English education. For a time working as a carpenter, then as a clerk in a small business establishment, then chopping cordwood upon a piece of ground that lies within the present limits of Cleveland, he worked on, till seized with sea fever, a complaint which few boys escape, and began to dream of "life on the ocean wave." His ambition led him no further in this direction than to the deck of a canal boat, where he studied navigation under unfavorable circumstances for about eighteen months. But his thirst for knowledge was insatiable, and he and his brother and two cousins attended the Academy at Chester, where they rented a room and lived in the most economical manner. Through the summer he worked on the farm, and we find him shortly afterwards applying for admission to Hiram Institute, and offering to ring the bell, sweep the floors, and light the fires, in payment for tuition. Soon he was made a tutor, and from that time he looked forward to a college course as a certainty. In June, 1856, he graduated with honors, then became teacher of Greek and Latin in Hiram Academy, and two years after, having paid all his debts, he began the study of law. He became distinguished as a teacher, students flocked to him; he was appointed President of the Institute, and his fame as a public speaker was widely spread. In 1859 he was elected to a seat in the Legislature of his native State, then, when the war between the Northern and Southern States broke out he raised a company from among his own students, was appointed to a regiment, and shortly after reporting to General Buell, he was placed in command of a brigade. In his first action he secured a victory which virtually saved Kentucky. This was followed by the "Pound Gap" expedition, in which he succeeded in

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