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commanded universal admiration. It will be noticed how simple they are and how far removed from originality. Lord Stratheona did not create them. One can find these, and a hundred like them, in the pages of literature. They are part of the experience of the race. We are all familiar with them as words and phrases. But the significant thing here is that they are not mere theories, an ideal practical philosophy, but come to us as actualities, clothed with the flesh of practical performance. This man was not quoting from a book but was exhibiting the real processes of his own life. He had found himself in many a tight place; he had been confronted with formidable difficulties; for over seventy years he had been thrown upon his own resources; he had found himself the centre of many an exciting conflict; he had had grave responsibilities thrust upon him; he had succeeded wonderfully and had established himself in the esteem and respect of all classes in the Empire; he had carried to a successful completion enormous enterprises and had come to be reckoned one of the great men of the time. The words of such a man are weighty. His counsels should compel attention. These maxims of his may well be pondered for he hammered them out on the anvil of his own experience.