

LORD STRATHCONA

action and control. It rests on the conviction that the individual must play his part, must link his efforts with the great, overruling Force. Even Providence is helpless if we will not exert ourselves, refuse to make use of the means at our disposal, and wait, supine, for some supernatural interference. "Trust in Providence" is good. It makes for optimism, hope, courage, but does not eliminate the personal responsibility. "Keep your powder dry" is just as necessary as "Trust in Providence." The two work together. And, so far as men are concerned, the keeping of the "powder dry" is the more important factor. And many a battle has ended in defeat because this has been overlooked. Men have faced the problems of life with a vain and impracticable faith in Providence. They have been so obsessed with that, that they have failed to equip themselves to meet reasonable demands. "Keep your powder dry" is the counsel which this old veteran sounds in our ears. Look after your bodily health, cultivate your mind, foster the qualities of industry, thoroughness, fidelity and prudence. Do the thing that lies to hand and do it well. Keep yourself fit. Have your armor ready, your lamps trimmed, your powder dry. Then you may hope to swing into line with the greater movements of Providence. This was Lord Strathcona's practice and it was based on his profound faith in the infinite directing Power.

These are a few of the maxims which had been brought to the proof in the actual working out of this marvellous life. They are the tools which were used in the building of a career which has