

and that they exercise the greatest influence in regulating and controlling the affairs of the states and nation, not only in bank or store, but in the legislatures and in Congress as well.

It must not be assumed that his way through life has been plain and easy. He has had his ups and downs, and he has not only had to struggle against the world, but he has had to contend for the mastery over himself. "But while he has had enough to encounter, there has been an inward force vouchsafed him whereby the pressure of things outward might be withstood. Obstruction abounded, but faith was not wanting. It is by faith that man removes mountains. While he had faith his limbs might be wearied with toiling, his back galled with bearing, but the heart within him was peaceable and resolved. In the thickest gloom there burnt a lamp that guided him. If he struggled and suffered he felt that it even should be so, knowing for what he suffered and struggled. Faith gave him an inward willingness, a world of strength wherewith to front a world of difficulty." It has been his lot to be tried as if by fire, and, perhaps, we would not know him as he is but for this ordeal.

He had been a ceaseless toiler from 1851 to 1875, unconscious that he was taxing his vitality unduly, and hence unable to appreciate the admonitions of his family and friends who observed that his health was failing. During the latter year he went east and was gone twelve months, but he did not consult physicians: he could not endure the idea that he was sick, and for the time his iron will sustained him. Leaving Chicago with a pleasant party, on their return trip he was jovial, as usual, but suddenly there was a change and he became quiet, as though endeavoring to repress symptoms of physical distress. "Don't you feel well?" asked his wife. "Not exactly," was his considerate reply. Whether he realized at that moment that a shadow had fallen upon his life, no one