

that ability, and to respect him in consequence. When difficulties present themselves, that self will and self consciousness of power enable him to grapple with them. Difficulties, if not superhuman, seem only made to be overcome, or to tempt individual energy to surmount them. It is not different with us as a colonial dependency. We are conscious of great natural resources; we have a conviction that a bright future, dependent, however, on our foresight and energy, lies before us. Why should we not have in us the spirit of a nation? Why should we not set aside all differences of class, of creed, and of language, and all petty political wranglings, to work in the common cause of realizing that future? Every association we have should promote this spirit. In the New World nature is developed on a scale of greatness. There are mighty rivers, rising in the interior of the Continent hundreds of miles from the seaboard, vast lakes that are rather inland seas, long mountain ranges, lofty peaks, broad water falls, and towering trees. The mineral wealth is even more than commensurate with these in variety and extent. The American mind has also in some degree its equivalent character,—in its maturity, whilst yet in youth, in its comprehensive grasp of vast schemes, and in its energy and determination. But we have other associations to foster this spirit. Have we not the success of the Anglo-Saxon wherever he has settled? and have we not before us Great Britain's direct encouragement as well as its example of energy, sterling honor and success?

We are accustomed to allude to patriotism as one of the nobler traits of heroic character, and to revere the memories of those whose lives have been made illustrious by zealous service in their country's cause. But it does not require acts which the world would call great to make each one a patriot. The same opportunities are not, nor are the same means to take advantage of opportunities, afforded to all. Each, however, in his own path will find ample ways—some of them small, and he may think insignificant—nevertheless ways in which he may further his country's interests. Every deed performed, every word spoken, and, I might go further and