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In the quiet afterglow of the latter part of his life, in which his friends in the Capital were accustomed to see Mr. Oliver, they were apt to forget much of the ceaseless activity of the preceding years, and the sacrifices and privations by which they were accompanied. To-day, a truer perspective reveals him as a pioneer on the frontiers of civilization who carried with him to the close of life a rugged independence and sterling self-reliance which made him indifferent to the favours of fortune and impervious to its vicissitudes. To the very end, he was the pioneer.

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