



INDOMITABLE.
—Macaulay in the New York World.

Whittier's lines above quoted give almost as vivid an impression of the burning of San Francisco and of the gain from loss which has resulted as if they had been written for that occasion. The words of the Book of Revelation are still more adequately appropriate to this great calamity:

"Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to naught."

Yet amid all this chaos and convulsion,



THROUGH THE GOLDEN GATE.
—Webster in the Chicago Inter-Ocean.

the voice of faith is heard re-echoing the words of inspiration:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof."

Small wonder that as they gathered together amid the ruins of their desolated city on the first Sunday after the earthquake and the fire deep solemnity came upon the minds of the people, and they recognized the voice of God in the earthquake and the fire. While vastly greater



MAN MAY BE FEEBLE, BUT HIS SPIRIT IS STRONG.
—Wilder in the Chicago Record-Herald.

loss of life has taken place at Pompeii, Lisbon and St. Pierre, yet no such destruction of property has ever occurred, except perhaps in the capture and conflagration of Rome, if even then. But out of evil has come lasting good. The splendid altruism of a whole continent, of a whole world, is evoked by this great calamity. The whole world becomes a vast brotherhood and again the words of Scripture are fulfilled, "They helped every one his neighbour, and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage." The Outlook finally says:

"We build our cities with strong and noble architecture, we call on all our knowledge and skill to create material symbols of our wealth that shall be able to defy the forces of nature, and a cyclone blows upon them and they are carried away by its breath like a child's