

of the Great Eternal. He possesses a mind, the vastness of which has not yet been comprehended, and gigantic powers that have never been realized. As one who has never seen or had described to him the rose, can form no conception of its loveliness and beauty from the appearance of the fast closed bud; so, in order to appreciate man in all the grandeur and stateliness of his manhood, there must be an unfolding of the characteristics of his nature to our view, so that we can look upon them and appreciate their value. This can only be brought about by a slow process of development; and development is effected only by the exercise of the powers already unfolded. The earth has never yet possessed a fully developed manhood. Life is too short for its accomplishment. But there has been such a manifestation of human powers as to indicate the greatness of their possessor. Wonderful as have been man's achievements, they have only shadowed what he is destined to accomplish. In the province which belongs to the sciences, man has long since crossed the boundary line. The barriers which for so long seemed insurmountable, have been overcome by his powerful skill. Man has bridged the mighty ocean with the steam vessel; he has made the lurid lightnings carry his messages from nation to nation. He has penetrated the deep, dark caverns of the earth, and carried his exploring pursuits to distant worlds and spheres. He has converted the bright luminaries of heaven into gilded mile-stones, and planted his fame upon the highways of the skies. His investigations have been turned in every direction. The physical, the moral, and the intellectual have passed under his investigating hand, and have contributed to his knowledge and power. There is, however, a vast expanse of unexplored territory before him still, which his position among the intelligences of the universe, and his own necessities call upon him to investigate. The man who has made the