

had had a chance to organize. He possessed the power to crystalize, to execute, to bring things to pass—"Prepare you victuals for within three days we shall pass over." Joshua was a great organizer with the power to execute when the machine was ready to do execution. We always excuse the mistakes and blunders of those who bring things to pass. Friend, do something!

V. Quality. What most things lack is quality. When Booker T. Washington, then an unknown youth, working for the elevation of his own people in the South, asked General Armstrong for a suggestion concerning an address which he had been invited to deliver before a cultured audience in New England, General Armstrong advised: "Booker, don't shout or gesticulate, but give them an idea for every word!" That was one of his first lessons in quality. Quality is the science of selection. Be select and you will be selected. All things hinge on quality. Men have been made famous by one book, one speech, one act, one sentence, one poem—the poem was made famous by one verse and the verse by one line, which flashed and flamed with the fire of genius. You can open the volume of William Shakespeare's dramas and wherever your eye rests, there you behold a literary jewel. The writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson will last for a thousand years because every sentence is congested with a thought—a great thought. The historian, Lord Macaulay, wrote only two pages a day, but, upon my soul, what color he put into them. I have read of an individual in English history, by the name of "Single Speech Ham-