

above the medium height, well formed, erect. His head was large, his countenance denoted strength of will; and as he waited for the voice of the Secretary to cease, and felt that in the effort he was about to make he would succeed, the fire of exultation at times sparkled in his eyes. The Secretary concluded the reading of the resolution, the debater began, and throughout the hall a deep mysterious silence grew. As the fine sentences of that speech which men delight to read to-day rolled forth, thought succeeded thought with cumulative power, friends feared that he would fail. It seemed to many that no intellect could maintain such a lofty flight. When he described the sufferings of New England in her early days, strong men wept like children. The argument for secession was swept away. As he delivered the peroration, closing with those glorious and oft-repeated words—"Liberty and Union now and forever, one and inseparable"—men gazed at his face glowing as with the light of inspiration.

Thus Daniel Webster made his greatest effort. Long after his death, although the