

of the most careful. There are crises in which no amount of diligence can prevent the incurring of loss. But the rule is, that an important element in a man's success in life is to regard the work in which he is engaged, if it is an honourable occupation, as worthy of his most diligent attention.

Superficial, unreliable work will discredit any one, and is never profitable.

This holds good in all labour. In the work of any profession, as truly as in the commonest mechanical toil.

The dignity and importance of honest work is taught us by the Gospel. And there is no more satisfactory test of a man's religion than the thoroughness and reliability of the work which goes out of his hands. Not only the poet in writing a poem, which confers immortal fame on its author ; not only the artist in his picture, which hands down to future ages noble ideas ; not only the pastor, however gifted and however successful, is doing a great work ; but the most