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I ONCE heard a very able and interesting lecture in the old country, entitled "How Men are Made, with some Specimens from the Factory." By a *man* in the above sentence, is meant a matured, a developed man, one fulfilling the true ideal of manhood, according to his particular type of mind and condition or situation in life. A writer who furnished a sketch of Mr. Williams, published in the *Daily Recorder*, during the late General Conference,—a sketch, which, for vigour and justness, I cannot hope to equal,—says of him in conclusion, "Take him for all in all, there is a good deal of the *man* about John A. Williams."

It is a subject of interest to inquire into the characteristics of his manliness, and how it was attained. First, then, I would say he is a fine specimen of physical manhood, a no mean consideration, and something which always excites the writer's admiration, because, perhaps, he is not particularly favoured in that respect himself. Mr. Williams was such in early manhood, at the age of twenty-three, when I first remarked him. He was then ruddy in complexion, erect, muscular and lithe in person, with a full chest, and strong, straight neck, which supported a