

of the Reserve," an eloquent and scholarly address delivered at Bowdoin College, in 1862, by Hon. B. F. Thomas, LL.D.

If this book shall serve to rouse to honourable effort any young man who is wasting his time and energies through indifference to life's prizes,—to cheer, stimulate, and inspire with enthusiasm any one who is desponding through distrust of his own abilities,—or to reveal to any one who is puzzled to discover the path to success and usefulness the art of "getting on" to the goal of his wishes,—the author will feel himself abundantly repaid for his labours. Doubtless there are many persons who are better qualified by their worldly knowledge to discuss the subject here considered ; but, unhappily, the most successful men do not reveal the secret of their successes ; and if we do not reject criticisms on paintings from men who have never handled a brush, nor refuse to follow the directions of a guide-post though it has never hopped off upon its one leg and travelled the road to which it points, a young man who is beginning life may accept the hints of a well-wisher whose knowledge of his needs has been derived from observation, rather than from experience.

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