

officers, so much so, that when dissatisfied with the poor prospect before him, he decided to give up the position; the Head of the Department remonstrated with him, saying, that if he remained, he would rise to be Chief Clerk. He is said to have replied, "that he would not remain if he could rise to be higher than the Chief of the Department himself." The spirit of self reliance contained in this answer was the key note of his future success. Leaving the Ordnance Department he entered the service of Messrs. Boyle and Moody, at that time large West India merchants. Mr. Moody evidently appreciated his abilities for in a short time, young man though he was, he was taken into partnership, and the firm became known as Moody & Stewart. So successful were the firm in business, trading in the West Indies and elsewhere, that after a few years Stewart was able to retire from the firm with considerable money, enough to allow him to devote himself to the study of the law which had long been his cherished wish, and ambition. Hitherto for want of means he had been unable to do so, but now having reaped the fruits of his industry, and secured a competency he at once commenced his legal apprenticeship. He at first became indentured to a practising lawyer in Halifax named Kidston, continued with him for some years, and then had his articles of apprenticeship assigned to his brother-in-law James S. Morse, of Amherst, in the County of Cumberland, whither he immediately removed. With Mr. Morse he completed his term of study, and was admitted an Attorney-at-law at Halifax on 14th July 1821, and a Barrister-at-law in the year following.

Prior to his admission to the Bar on the 26th June 1816, he had married Sarah, sister of the Honorable James S. Morse, which proved to be a happy marriage, and gave him that inestimable boon, domestic felicity for life. She was not only a fine, and pleasing looking woman, but she possessed the more valuable qualities of an amiable disposition and was endowed with a more than usual share of good common sense. She was a prudent woman, and was through their long married life devoted to her husband. She knew the peculiarities of his tem-