

trivial difficulty, and you felt sure that his great powers were as freely at your service, as if he were presiding at the councils of the University, and shaping its policy. What dignity he lent to our public ceremonies! The peculiar gesture with which he 'capped' the graduating class at the granting of degrees, has often struck me as conveying at one motion, a patent of knight-errantry and a benediction.

"Next, you felt the native power of the man. I have never met a finer instance of the mailed hand in the velvet glove. He had all the qualities of the great statesman; breadth of view, combined with grasp of detail; foresight, that makes the record of his life read like the written fulfilment of the plans of his youth; insight, that led him straight to the kernel of any difficulty; swift decision to deal with emergencies great and small as they arose; patience and tireless industry, and method, that enabled him to make the most of his work. He was a born ruler, a born teacher, a born investigator. Any one of these gifts is exceptional; the combination of two of them is unusual; but to find all three united in one man is rare indeed. And withal there was refinement and distinc-