

elements of true greatness are born, and where prizes are won that are worth possessing.

2. *It is not that higher and more potent energy of the Mind.* Intellectual stature is worthy of the greatest effort that can be made to attain it. When man comes in contact with man, and strength is measured against strength, the pre-eminence of the intellect soon becomes apparent. It will win victories over physical forces, and invest resistance to its antagonists with the repose and dignity of settled assurance. We have, it seems to me, a signal illustration of this in the gigantic war now being waged between France and Prussia. Aside from the Divine benediction that appears to rest upon the German arms, and so devoutly recognized by King William, it is believed that Prussia's rapid and wonderful success is a triumph of *mental energy* more than of military prowess. The German brain is in the German bayonet. The latter drives back the French battalions because the former organizes the campaign and orders the charge. Prussia is the best educated country of our globe, and is, for that reason, the mightiest in war. The force of mental pre-eminence is far felt and potent. "Its monuments," says one, "are stately and enduring. A word, a thought, pass out over the nations, and wing their flight down the ages. They become seeds of thought, and conditions and stimulants of mental activity to millions of minds and many generations. They have the keys of all souls in their keeping, and open, and enter in, and sit down with the air and welcome of a master. They live and