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Something of the successful school teacher appears in the fibre of the poems. Here you meet with a firm man, a square man, honorable and direct, simple and sympathetic, a force for good. He is a good self-critic judiciously framing his sentiment and choosing the right words, polishing his metre and rhyme to correctness. His moral strength is shown in the following poem on "Ambition and Praise":

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Tis both the duty and the right of every earnest man to mark afar the distant height and reach it if he can. Let not a talent buried lie: Switt follow Thought with Deed, For winged life is flitting by And Instant is the need, Awaken every dormant power, Its fullest service give: Relax not till the latest our. Life's every moment live. With dauntiess energy of soul Each nerve unweated strain to reach the every farthest goal. Thy gegius may attain. If thou outrun the formmest van, Relinquish not the strife; For he is nearest perfect man That makes the most of life. If honest lips with prisoner reward. Contenn it not not disregard—