

individual may commence and successfully pursue this object. With a good moral character for a basis, and a suitable field for his operations, he may construct for himself a fortune, as extensive as his own wants, and as durable as his existence.

Self-reliance is a virtue which every young man ought to cherish. Were I possessed of incomputable wealth, and had a son, I should require that he learn a trade, secure a profession, or resort to some other means to support himself respectably. He should do at least enough to earn his own livelihood. This much is necessary to ensure health, to keep out of mischief, and to obey the command of the Creator. An interesting anecdote is related respecting the late Stephen Girard, the American millionaire. A young man engaged to serve him as clerk for several years, receiving for his remuneration, besides his board and clothing, only whatever his master's generosity might award him at the expiration of his term. His time having expired, he asked Mr. Girard, "what he would now advise him to do?" "Learn a trade," was the laconic answer. "What trade would you recommend?" inquired the clerk. "I think a cooper's trade would suit your taste," said Girard. The young man, well knowing the peculiarity of his late employer, went and bound himself to a cooper for six months. The period of his apprenticeship having expired, he came again to Mr. Girard, and told him he had learned the trade. "Make me a dozen barrels," said the man of wealth. The cooper did so, and brought them to his former master. The latter carefully examined them, pronounced himself satisfied with the workmanship, and presented the mechanic with a cheque for \$10,000. "Take this," said he, "and start yourself in the mercantile business. You have a capital to begin with, and in all probability will succeed. But should you be unfortunate, you have a trade to fall back upon, and need never come to want."

In a young and growing country like Canada, the facilities for every man to make a respectable fortune for himself, are to be found in every direction, and they are greatly increased by the liberal form of government with which we are favored. Rely, then, on your own energies, young men. Never allow any person, not even a rich parent, to do that for you, which you can do for yourselves. Store your minds with useful knowledge. Resolve to be *known* by the community. Never while away your time: let every moment be filled up with some useful employment.

"Be just, and fear not. Let all the ends you
Aim at, be your country's, your God's, and truth's."