

without disturbance of nature's order can exempt himself, together with intellectual gifts of a high order, strengthened and made perfect by a deep religious spirit, enabled him to hew a pathway through the difficulties of life on an ever upward plane. It is only by a combination of such forces that great results can be achieved. Some will say he was "lucky"; but to a thoughtful man what's the meaning of this trite phrase? As we are not the creatures of blind chance, but, under God, the architects of our own destiny, the word can only mean that a man is always alive to and takes advantage of his opportunities. In other words, that he puts out at good interest the talent committed to his keeping. We can therefore safely conclude that industry, sobriety, and a conscientious attention to the details of each duty were the pinions which bore him onward in a career which can only be rightly characterized as phenomenal. The manner of his success then claims our admiration and affords us a measure by which to gauge his character. It points out also to young men the one sure and honourable road to public distinction, as well as the one way of combining worldly success with personal integrity.

Eulogies of the recent dead are liable to be tinged with exaggeration, and to express the loving admiration of a friend rather than the calm judgment of an historian. But in the desire to appear cool and impartial men are at times unwittingly unjust to the departed. In the wish to be thought severely judicial, they deem it necessary to hedge their praises by restrictions and conditions, which deprive them alike of logical sequence and judicial fairness. Whilst we should guard