

will uncover its head to receive the commands of that noble queen of the powers that be !

These decisions are strengthened by the thought that we cannot make, but are subject to, *laws*. We can break those laws, but "the way of transgressors is hard." With the great laws of our constitution—the great laws of nature—we must be in sympathy or be inactive. To know those laws and make them the *moti operandi* of our lives is to be powerful ; and only as a man by searching can find out the established laws of nature, is he powerful here. To make, to change, to destroy one such law, to bring its subjects into obedience to another, is not in our power—we have not the understanding. To do that would need the mind that was in Him who "spake and it was done"—the understanding of that God, who "in the beginning created the heavens and the earth." But we can know the existence and workings of such laws—we can use the knowledge. We cannot make midnight follow hard on midday. We cannot span the heavens with a bow proclaiming not a past but a coming storm. We cannot, mid the wild music of a hurricane, cause the grand diapason of nature to roll in thunders through the sky, ere yet the electric flash has cleft the air, and given the signal for the conflict. We can reverse not one of nature's laws. But knowing the laws of the rolling spheres, the laws of light and the laws of electricity, we can foretell the appearance of a luminary in the heavens, we can produce all the colors of the rainbow, we can chain the lightning to our work, and make it draw our loads, light our houses and run our messages. To understand laws is to be powerful.

What then is the conclusion at which this train of thought arrives ? Even this : " Knowledge is *power* ;" " Wisdom is the principal thing ; therefore get wisdom : and with all thy getting get understanding."

" Though I could reach from pole to pole,
And grasp creation in my span,
I must be measured by my soul,
The *mind's* the *power* of the man."