

below its own level. It is equally impossible to prevent one of a dignified mind from feeling that he may attain to high and still higher degrees of excellence, and that nothing will contribute so much to forward these attainments as the advancing of others who in the same line endeavour to keep pace with him. He therefore glories in their progress. Their advancement forms a scale by which he measures his own. Like an intrepid officer at the head of a determined band, they mutually advance with confidence, to glory; well knowing that the endeavours of the whole contribute to the safety of each. The advances of the last keep pace with the progress of the first, and each preserves his station undisturbed.

In the same manner do states, vying with each other in exertions of industry and trade, when properly directed, mutually forward the attainments of each other. They advance together; but that one among them which is once foremost will continue foremost still, if equal exertions are made. If industry slackens in one place, the progress may be retarded; but if others advance,