

society, and delights in entertaining his friends, whether at his summer home in Easton, or at his winter residence in Boston, where his hospitality is dispensed in princely fashion. He is a member of a number of scientific and historical societies and social clubs, and is also an ardent lover of art, music, and literature, his house containing many a masterpiece of painting, sculpture, engraving, and ceramics. He has been president of the Boston art club, and also president of the Merchants' club of Boston.

Finally, it may be said that Oliver Ames represents all that is best in American citizenship, and that his career is one of the most conspicuous illustrations of the possibilities open to one who commenced life in a comparatively humble sphere, and by thrift, industry, and stability of purpose worked out an honorable ambition. In such men the republic finds its strength. Citizens of sterling worth are needed to make our government possible, and when such men are found, state and nation place on them the stamp of their approval.

Mr Ames is in truth of a large-hearted race, with ideas broad enough to comprehend the needs and possibilities of a continent. The world is better; the union of these states is stronger; Massachusetts is richer in all that makes her great, and strong, and good; there is less of want, less of woe, and more of hope and courage—because the Amesese have lived.