

born orators. The manner of securing wealth is similar to the manner of securing fame as a speaker. In both it is "by the sweat of the brow."

"The heights, by great men reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight;
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night."

Study enables a man to do at all times what nature teaches only on rare occasions. We are told that Demosthenes was called "The Stammerer," but cured himself by taking pebbles in his mouth while speaking; that he strengthened his weak lungs by repeating verses aloud as he ran up hill; how he declaimed on the sea shore in stormy weather to accustom himself to the tumult of the Athenian popular assemblies; how his first oratorical efforts were received with ridicule, but in spite of all this he acquired, by persistent practice, an undying fame. After Sheridan had made his maiden speech a good judge, Woodfall, said: "I am sorry to say that I do not think this is your line, you had much better have stuck to your former pursuits." "It is in me and by it shall come out," said Sheridan, and so it did.

In Burke's accusation against Warren Hastings, the charge relating to the spoliation of the Begums was allotted to Sheridan. The speech lasted about six hours. It was the first speech in Parliament that was received with cheers. Fox said, "All that he had ever heard, all that he had ever read when compared with it dwindled into nothing and vanished like vapor before the sun." What Sheridan wanted in acquired learning and natural quickness, he made up by indefatigable industry.

Disraeli's maiden speech in Parliament was cut short by a burst of laughter, when he said: "I am not surprised at the reception which I have experienced. I have begun several times many things and I have often succeeded at last. I will sit down now, but the time will come when you will hear me," and the time did come when the whole civilized world lingered on his words, because, like Sheridan, his persistent toil gained a place for him.

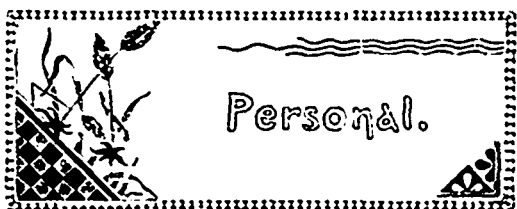
Chatham, Burke, Pitt, Fox, and Macaulay and the finest orators of the present day form no exception to the fixed law. They attributed their fame not to natural ability but to daily toil. The late D'Arcy McGee, a celebrated Canadian orator, said he did not believe in extempore speeches, and thought it showed a want of respect for any one to rely on fluent

oratory." Brougham says "A man will speak well in proportion as he has written much and that with equal talents he will be the ablest speaker who has prepared himself the most sedulously when he has an opportunity of delivering a premediated speech." It is not a good plan to learn a speech by means of verbatim preparation, it is a strain on the memory, besides the greatest thoughts are those struck out by the mind when at a glow. The general sketch of a speech may well be arranged and shaped before hand, but some scope should be left for the spur of the moment.

Quintillian says both exercises in writing and speaking are reciprocally beneficial since it is found that by writing we speak with greater accuracy and by speaking we write with greater ease.

"Reading," said Bacon, "maketh a full man; speaking a ready man; and writing an exact man." The perfection of public speaking consists in those three qualities: fullness, readiness and correctness.

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R. W. Madge, gold medallist of '86, writes from Browning, Missouri. Mr. Madge is practising veterinary, and wishes the REVIEW success.

A. Shantz, B. S. A., '90, writes us from his home, near Waterloo, Ont. Allan evidently likes farming and intends to stick to the farm and we are very glad to hear it, for it is of such stuff that successful farmers are made. He reports good crops this season and the stock looking well. We are glad to note that he took second prize at the recent ploughing match open to the county of Waterloo.

W. W. Ballantyne, A., O. A. C., '81, is a successful farmer near Stratford, Ont. Mr. Ballantyne owns one of the finest herds of Shorthorns in his vicinity and succeeded in winning a number of prizes at the leading shows this fall. Last winter he carried off the cup for the best animal at the Guelph Fat Stock Show, and we understand he is feeding another animal for the Show this winter. We wish him success in his undertaking.