

* and animated him with the courage necessary to pursue that course. It is evident that greatness does not consist in the action, for a simple act is often rendered great by the circumstances under which it is performed. An act though trivial in itself, if performed under circumstances of very great danger and requiring forgetfulness of self and selfish interests, is always considered great and receives merited praise. Or an act performed in accordance with principle in defense of truth and right, which requires moral courage in consequence of being performed in opposition to the opinions and practices of those with whom we associate, is truly great, though it be but the raising of a hand or the utterance of a single word.

All men are more or less ambitious. They seek for greatness, for distinction in some way. Some are satisfied with physical superiority, and their happiness is complete if they can throw a stone farther, jump a wider ditch, or pound a bigger fellow-pugilist than their associates. Others can be satisfied with nothing but intellectual greatness. Nothing else appears worthy of their ambition, and to this everything else must yield. Life, health, even truth and religion are valued only as they contribute to intellectual greatness. And the MAN becomes the slave of intellect. Some wish to be distinguished for goodness, uprightness and honesty. They wish it to be understood that they "Do to others as they would that others would do to them." At the same time if their character for goodness and sincerity should not be recognized, and the fame thereof fail to be spread abroad, and remain known only to themselves, they would consider all their labor lost, and pity the obtuseness of fallen humanity in being unable to appreciate that noblest of all qualities, moral greatness. And some profess to be entirely unconcerned with regard to the estimation in which they may be held by their fellowmen. But if their feelings be analyzed we think it will be found that in reality they hope that their singularity in this respect will win for them the distinction which they could perhaps procure in no other way. Notwithstanding that it is denied by some, we believe there are very few who do not for some reason de-