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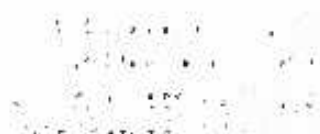
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CHAPTER I.

ANCESTRY AND BOYHOOD.

AN industrious and toiling farmer's boy.

A hardworking college student.

An industrious press reporter.

A successful lawyer.

A safe and popular politician.

An able and distinguished Senator.

A wise and conscientious statesman.

The unanimous choice of a great political party for the second office in the nation.

Such, in brief, is the story of the life and achievements of Charles Warren Fairbanks.

Fifty-two years of active, busy life; no idle moments; no time for vacations; no time to waste. Always industrious, always a student, in his achievements he has again emphasized the possibilities that are before every American boy.

On the farm he gave the same earnest and careful labor he exhibited in pursuing his studies in college, to his work as a lawyer, to his duties in the Senate.

Never a self-seeker, his successes and his honors have come to him because of his native ability, his

industry, and his conscientious discharge of every duty, whether of private or public life.

He has not been without ambition, but his ambition has been to do the very best he could in everything, under the circumstances surrounding him. In school and in college he was ambitious to utilize every moment and gather all the knowledge he could in the time allotted to him. As a press reporter he was ambitious to give the best work possible; as a lawyer, to win an honorable success; as a politician, to aid his party by giving to the public through his speeches a just, fair-minded and honest exposition of public policy. In the Senate his ambition has been to give the country intelligent and enlightened service.

We live in a country where it is a delight to boast of our "self-made" men. Napoleon once said he was the first of his house, yet after all it is good to have forefathers, to come from a long line of ancestry distinguished for honesty and integrity, who lived honorable and upright lives, winning and holding the respect of their fellow-citizens. In one respect Charles Warren Fairbanks is a self-made man—that is, he has succeeded in life without the adventitious aid of wealth or of influential friends. He made his opportunities, having himself laid the foundation enabling him to seize on the opportunities when they came, but he can count a long line of ancestors who filled creditably the various stations in life to which they were called.