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PREFACE.

Here we have the record of a life, spent for the most part amid the peaceful scenes of the county of Ulster, yet darting out on all sides into the world of active achievement: a life of seventy-one years along "the cool sequestered ways," yet ever busy, full of variety and in constant touch with outside events that make up history. Autobiographical in the strict sense of the word, it is not; but consists of a stringing together on the slightest thread of chronology of the writings and speeches of the author: an autobiography of the intellect. Such a collection might be criticised as too egotistical, were it not made, as I understand, like Shakespeare's "sugared sonnets," for distribution among "private friends."

Beginning in college days, when the author was but in his twentieth year, with three orations on subjects familiar to the young student; passing into early active life with its newspaper editorials on political topics and events of the times; it terminates the period of young manhood with an ambitious and interesting lecture on the younger Vane. Then come lucubrations growing out of the civil war in which the author at its outset was a participant; and these are succeeded by a series of miscellaneous productions, which brings us to the culminating point of manhood—signalized, in this instance, by entrance upon official life. There are no speeches made in the Assembly of the State for the year 1868, of which our author was a member; but there is an interesting supply illustrative of his career in the forty-sixth Congress (79-80), including one on the counting of the electoral votes for President and Vice-President, which well deserves and will reward perusal. We have, also, an inaugural address as Mayor of the city of Kingston and two messages to the Common Council. The volume closes with reminiscences of foreign travel—a recreation indulged in by our author after his retirement from public station.

It should be called to mind, that during this long period, that is,

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from the year 1858 up to the present, the collector of these pieces was immersed in the active practice of the law; these varied productions being thrown off in the leisure moments of fifty years' steady devotion to that exacting profession. Of the countless addresses to juries, of the countless arguments before courts, there is no record here, because the one class usually perishes with the hearing, and the other crystallizes into the meagre form of briefs published in the reports. For example, there are twenty-eight cases in the appellate courts of this State, reported at length in the books, in which lawyer Lounsbery was counsel on one side or the other*.

After all, the true aim of such a collection as this is to give oneself an abiding sense of the continuity of one's life. Ordinarily, the recollection of the myriad incidents of a man's life is fragmentary and confused; and a compilation of the productions of the mind at various stages clears up the vista and builds up along the course points of vantage on which the memory may pause in making its lengthened survey, to take its bearings. In the present instance, the compiler is to be congratulated that, as the fruit of his labor, he will not only be able to realize his life of fifty years of bustle, strife, business and pleasure with greater vividness and coherency, but he will experience the pleasing consciousness of having, for others as well as himself, planted torches at points all along the devious track, for local illumination not only, but, also, to establish a permanent and continuous line of light.

D. M. DEWITT.

Kingston, March 19, 1904.

(* REPORTED CASES REFERRED TO IN THE PREFACE.)

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