

became known as a presidential elector, U. S. marshall, U. S. recorder, U. S. diplomat. He accumulated some wealth and wore broadcloth. That man was Frederick Douglas.

One pleasant day in 1858 a boy and his father went out hunting. A flock of partridges flew up in the direction of his son and the father, in his eagerness to bring down a bird, fired in the direction of his son. Several shot struck him and one went through each glass of a pair of spectacles he wore. In an instant he was stone blind for life. This boy of iron nerve determined from the time of the accident that even blindness should not swerve him from his purpose of getting an education. When they carried him home his first words to his sister were, "Will you read the papers to me?" She read to him the newspapers and the works of Milton, Burke, Wordsworth, George Eliot, and many other books of general literature. He studied political economy with a zeal rarely equaled. He became professor of political economy at the University of Cambridge, a member of parliament, one of the most successful postmaster-generals England ever had, as well as the author of several able books.

Garfield paid his way through school by cutting wood, running chores and assisting the janitor. Besides, he crowded a six-year course into three, so anxious was he to get a college education.

Lincoln's father could neither read nor write. The family possessed only two books, the Bible and Pilgrim's Progress. When they moved to Illinois they added Shakespeare, Robinson Crusoe and the Life of Washington. Lincoln read them over and over until he could almost repeat them by heart. He asked to be made postmaster so that he might read every paper that came to town. His education came from the newspapers, the few books that he had and from his contact with men and things. There is scarcely a boy in America today who does not have better opportunities than had Abraham Lincoln.

Any young man who has energy, health, and average ability, can earn his diploma from a college or vocational school, even though he has hardly a dollar to his name. In working his way through college he will learn how to work his way in life and will usually take higher rank in school and in after life than his classmate who is the son of a millionaire.

The mass of mankind must be content with average success. You can not organize a regiment in which all are officers. The rank and file must be in the majority. All the players in the mimic life of the stage can not have the principal parts. There can be but few stars. So it is in real life. Honors and wealth can be won only by strenuous effort, combined with ability and physical endurance. The race is not always to the swift. However, it is never won by the weak, lazy, or