

soon as the sad news is passed from lip to lip, the Swedes roused to fury, press forward with an impetuosity which none can resist and the Battle of Liberty is won.

Thus died Gustavus Adolphus and by his death he accomplished what he might have lost living.

Men sometimes become more distinguished by their connection with remarkable circumstances than for any achievements of their own, and the fineness of their character is lost in the glitter of external events; but such is not to be the fate of Gustavus Adolphus. He is looked upon not simply as a hero in winning great battles but as one whom Providence sent in time of sore need to befriend their faith, and be the staunch supporter and defender of the Christian religion.

MEN OF ONE IDEA.

If we glance at the histories of successful men, we shall see that they are the histories of men who have struggled hard and long to accomplish some particular thing, the attainment of which has given to them their success. They are the men who have thought out a certain course and have then pursued it to the successful end. They have turned their entire energy in one direction, and as a natural consequence they have achieved only their rights.

We often hear it said that we should not confine ourselves to one thing. This is not right. That is just what we should do. We should keep our object in view, and by preserving, work out for ourselves our own reward. Andrew Carnegie says: "Put all your eggs in one basket, and then watch that basket as if life and death depended on it."

The advancement to our present civilization is due, to a very great extent, to men of one idea. George Stephenson's idea was the application of the steam engine to locomotion. He met with extreme difficulties and only by his great determination was he able to interest capitalists in his scheme. When he said that his engine would run

twelve miles an hour, people ridiculed him. The Quarterly Review said that they would as soon think of riding on a concrete rocket. His struggle is best told in his own words when he said. "I have fought for the locomotive, single handed, for twenty years. I have put up with every rebuff, determined not to be put down." History furnishes us another remarkable example in the work of Cyrus W. Field. He labored eight years before he got the Atlantic Cable laid.

His first efforts were failures, but by his indefatigable energy he compelled Fortune to crown his work.

And but a small portion of the work to be done has yet been accomplished. The process of preparing Aluminium has to be cheapened. Safety in railroad travel must be raised to a maximum. The problem of aerial navigation has yet to be solved. Some day some man will think out a way by means of which the enormous waste of energy caused by the fall of water over Niagara Falls may be utilized for some mechanical purpose. His first plans may prove failures, but by continual application he will at last get the right thing.

So we should map out our course and pursue it to the end. First be sure that we are right and then go ahead. E. W. BUSH.

FIRST LINES.

BY GOOD AUTHORS.

Alas! how light a cause may move
The glories of our birth and state!
This book is all that's left now,
And wilt thou leave me thus?

A touch, a kiss! a charm was sweet
From all that dwells below the skies.
The kiss, dear maid, thy lips has left;
Thou art gone to the grave.

Faire world, thou ly'st; thou can'st not lend
A traveler through a dusty road,
Trembling before thine awful throne,
A swallow in the spring.

When gathering clouds around I view
I weigh not fortune's frown or smile;
'Tis time this heart should be removed,
My boat is on the shore.